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THE TURN?

CHANGES IN WAR FORTUNES.

JAPAN'S ROLE.

Observers Surprised at Trend of Shantung Affairs.

DANGER OF UNDISCIPLINED UNITS.

[By "Li Chung-yin"]

Most observers express considerable surprise at the startling turn of events in Shantung province, which led up to the open clashes between the Southern soldiers who entered Tsinan, and the Japanese expeditionary force.

With nothing to gain by involving Japan, the Nationalist commanders in the field are thought to be opposed to friction—hence, probably, the co-operation shortly after the fall of the city. As Reuter says, however, there is no control over some of the undisciplined units, and the radical element may be responsible for the trouble.

The Nationalists now are not in as favourable a position as they were to force home the advantage they gained.

OPEN CLASHES.

But do the Nationalists—and the term is used here to designate general staff headquarters under Nanking—wish to push on to Peking, their logical goal, at present, even if there had been no fighting with the Japanese?

Indications point the other way. It is thought that a halt at Tsinan, on the southern bank of the Yellow River, was intended as a strategic part of the campaign.

It also seemed that once the Nationalists had secured the upper hand in the south of Shantung, they were content to advance slowly on Tsinan, which, as a matter of fact, they did.

Paving the Way.

For a great measure of their success, the Nationalists have to thank Feng Yu-shiang, the "Christian General," whose army is known as the Kuominchun. A Kuominchun army operated on the left (west) of the Nationalist column and struck hard at the Northerners' flank. The Kansu cavalrymen of this Kuominchun unit were the first to reach the outskirts of Tsinan, although they had to turn back. But the way had been paved for the Nationalists who sent out a wing to the right (east) and this wing took Tsinan this week.

Advice from the most reliable sources indicates that the Nationalists, under Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek, will now work on consolidating their hold on the south, centre and east of Shantung, leaving the extreme west and the north to the "Christian General."

The "Biggest Doubt."

The "Christian General," however, is the biggest doubt in the allied Nationalist camp.

When his horsemen arrived at Tsinan, many suspected him of stealing a march on his colleagues in the Nationalist command, and of trying to get into the van to his own advantage.

There was a conference last week-end at Heuchowfu, the junction of the Tientsin-Pukow and Lung-Ha Railways, to which no importance was attached. Nothing more than matters of routine may have been discussed by the "Christian General" and Chiang Kai-shek. On the other hand, a momentous decision may have been arrived at, possibly affecting the destiny of the whole of North China.

Nationalist Unity.

Just about that time, the "Christian General" issued a circular telegram, announcing that he recognised Chiang Kai-shek as the supreme commander of all the allied Nationalist armies, and exhorting his subordinates faithfully to obey Chiang Kai-shek.

If the "Christian General" is sincere, Nationalist unity is preserved. If Chiang Kai-shek feels that he has no choice but to co-operate with the "Christian General," Nationalist unity will

With cohesion between the two most powerful leaders, it does sound correct as if a plan has been worked out whereby the Nationalists will remain at Tsinan and the "Christian General" will continue to fight, north of the Yellow River.

Continuing the War.

Because of the course it follows, the Yellow River has its lower course further north (i.e., nearer Peking) than the middle course. The main strength of the "Christian General's" Kuominchun has marched a long distance past the middle section of the Yellow River. Further down (i.e., in Shantung), the Kuominchun has a small column operating along the northern bank to threaten the Northern armies' line of communication with Peking. With additions, the small column may be given the task of carrying the war further into Northern territory with which the Nationalists are not familiar.

In the meanwhile, the Nationalists can co-operate by exerting frontal pressure as they have done all along.

The flank movements, which have proved so disastrous to the Northerners, may thus be left to the "Christian General" to carry out.

A Fight First?

The general retreat sounded by the Northern commanders on all three fronts (Shantung, south-west Chihli and Shansi) may not necessarily be due to a decision to concentrate on that much-vaunted line of defence, extending 175 miles (north to south) from Paoingfu (in Chihli) to Tehchow (in Shantung) and down to the Yellow River.

Any one of the Northern armies, as, for instance, that in south-west Chihli, may be anxious to preserve its alignment with colleague units on other fronts so as to prevent isolation.

Still, as Marshal Chang Tso-lin has been bringing his crack Manchurian divisions and brigades into Chihli, the Northerners look like giving the Nationalist allies a fight before they give up Peking.

Chang Tso-lin.

In spite of predictions about the disintegration of Peking administration, Marshal Chang Tso-lin and his supporters do not show signs of panic.

Well-informed opinion is that Chang Tso-lin prefers to pit his strength—in Chihli (in part of China Proper)—against the Nationalists and the Kuominchun, before making up his mind to return to Manchuria, where he has been supreme for years and where attacks on him, both from within and without, have proved fruitless in the past. His previous ventures out of Manchuria have not been auspicious and it is widely believed that he only consented to go to Peking on the last occasion because he thought it would strengthen the hands of his government. It now remains to be seen whether he will accept the Nationalists' challenge forthwith,

14 AEROPLANES.

Reported Purchases By Japanese Expedition At Canton.

THROUGH FRENCH SOURCES.

Some For Use In Commercial Service?

Considerable interest is being displayed in Canton in connection with a persistent report that fourteen aeroplanes, or seaplanes, have arrived there from Europe. These machines are stated to have been purchased by the Kwangtung Provincial Government, under Marshal Li Chai-sum, through the agency of a French merchant formerly in business in Hong Kong.

There is no opportunity to obtain confirmation or denial. Those who claim to be acquainted with the position state that the flying machines were bought with the original purpose of being used with the Nationalist fighting forces in the two Kwang provinces. The visit of H.E. the Governor (Sir Cecil Clementi) having intervened, it is said that some of the 'planes may be assigned to the projected commercial service which may or may not include Hong Kong.

A Base at Pakkai.

Pakkai (Kongmoon). Yesterday. An aeroplane base is to be constructed here at Pakkai, the port of Kongmoon, which serves the Sze Yap area. When the base is built, a machine will be sent here from Canton by the Government. Engineers are now making surveys to find a suitable site.—Our own correspondent.

PIRATES AGAIN.

EVENTS IN THE KONGMOON LOCALITY.

TROOPS TRANSFERRED.

Pakkai (Kongmoon). Yesterday. Although they have refrained from coming out into the open, pirates are suspected to be busy at Tolshan and Lai-nok, following the transfer from this area of Nationalist troops of the 13th Division (of the 4th Army), under Major-General Chan Cheung-po, who has won renown for anti-outlaw expeditions.

Martial law has been declared at night since garrison troops of the 11th Army have left for the south of Kwangtung. Precautions are being taken to prevent a coup by Communist plotters suspected to be in league with pirates or the extremist element in the Peasant Corps.

Volunteers Mobilised.

Kongmoon volunteers are again mobilised. On May 2 they paraded through the city streets in honour of Mr. Man Ping-sek, the new commander, who received the seal of office.

Under prohibition by the local authorities, no labour demonstration was held on May 1 but public offices and schools observed the day as a holiday.

Rumours that Mr. Sze-to Fay, Mayor of Kongmoon city, is to be replaced, are without foundation. Mr. Tze-to has returned from a visit to Canton.

Passengers to Benefit?

Passengers arriving here from Hong Kong and travelling into the interior either on the Sunning Railway or by tow-boat may benefit shortly. The Sanwui district government considers that certain taxes should be repealed. Such include the Ku-tai Mountain "protection fee" on steamers and trains and the Lan-tai-shuen "protection fee" on native craft. It is thought that the levies will be abolished shortly.

Disastrous Flood.

About a dozen people perished at Chekhom, a busy town in the Hoping district, when a flood caused by heavy rains carried away a bamboo bridge leading to a huge market in which theatrical performances were being given.

Fishmongers are still on strike in protest against a levy of 60 cents per picul on their fish.—Our own correspondent.

CUT OFF?

Japanese Expedition At Tsinan.

CHINESE ACCUSATION.

Official And Staff Said To Have Been Killed.

General Fukuda and the main force of a few thousand Japanese troops at Tsinan are believed to be isolated, with the original smaller force cut off at the other extreme of the city.

The Japanese allege that the Southerners used artillery and that the attack on them was pre-arranged.

Great anxiety is felt as stores and supplies for the Japanese are small.

The Nationalist Government accuse the Japanese of killing the Chinese Commissioner of Foreign Affairs at Tsinan, and all his staff.

CHINESE PROTEST.

Alleged Killing of a High Official.

Shanghai, Yesterday. The Chinese Commissioner of Foreign Affairs at Shanghai has received a message from General Hwang Fu, the Nationalist Foreign Minister at present in Tsinan, instructing him to protest to Premier Tanaka concerning the killing of the Chinese Commissioner of Foreign Affairs at Tsinan and the whole of his staff by Japanese troops on the morning of May 4.

The situation is pregnant with possibilities. General Fukuda's forces, who made a forced march all night long for 50 miles to Tsinan, owing to the interruption in the Shantung Railway, are very fatigued since they were compelled to stand by continuously for 36 hours to meet continuous attacks by enormously superior forces intoxicated with a rapid series of victories against the Northern armies and filled with a fundamental hatred of the Japanese.

Japanese Isolated.

Only the fact that the Japanese (who are isolated in two bodies in the east and west of the huge city) flung up sand-bag barricades at key-points and skillfully employed machine-guns, enabled them hitherto to repel the infuriated Nationalists with great difficulty; but latest despatches received at Tokyo are conflicting, causing considerable anxiety as to the outcome of the struggle, especially as ammunition and provisions are very sparse and only sufficient for a few days, while wireless communication has been cut off since 12 noon on May 4.

The Japanese forces, apparently, are completely isolated. Meanwhile, Major-General Iwamura, with all available forces, approximately 2,000 strong, at Tsing-tao, are making a forced march to Tsinan along the Shantung Railway which has been cut in numerous places by the Nationalists.—Reuter.

Fighting Again.

Peking, Yesterday. The Japanese Legation states that the Chinese leaders at Tsinan made an agreement with the Japanese to withdraw from the Settlement at 7 a.m. on May 4 but at 11 a.m. Chinese troops massed at the eastern border of the Settlement and attempted to rush in. Fighting re-commenced and was still continuing at 2 p.m. on May 4.

A Japanese Lieutenant was wounded by shrapnel, proving that the Chinese were using artillery against the Japanese.

A wireless to General Fukuda has received no response; hence the Japanese fear that the military wireless at Tsinan has been destroyed; but the commercial wireless in the Japanese Settlement is still functioning.

The Yellow River bridge is still intact.

Permission to keep goats in the Colony, as from August 1, 1928, must be obtained from the Government. The Superintendent of the Botanical and Forestry Department must give his consent, in writing. Full details will be found in the "Colonial Notice."

Shanghai is quiet and there is no change at Chefoo.

At Nanking, Japanese residents are taking refuge, as a result of the serious news from North China.

At Hankow, the Japanese Consulate is in a state of first readiness of defence; but the situation there is quiet.

SHIPS COLLIDE.

H.M. "Bacchus" And Greek Vessel.

DISASTROUS SMASH.

"Bacchus" Picks Up Crew And Is Afterwards Towed In.

London, Yesterday. H.M. "Bacchus," a storeship of the Mediterranean Fleet, collided in the Channel with the Greek steamer "Joannis Fafalios." The latter sank. The crew of 22 were picked up by the "Bacchus," which is now reported to be sinking and abandoned by her crew and survivors of the steamer.

"Bacchus" Towed In.

London, Later. The "Bacchus" has been towed into Portland.

Ten Greeks were drowned and two died after having been rescued.—Reuter.

APPOINTMENT.

DEPARTMENT. POST OFFICE AND I. & B.

LATEST CHANGES.

Several appointments are announced in the "Government Gazette."

Mr. J. D. Lloyd, on his return from long leave, resumes his post as Superintendent of Imports and Exports.

Mr. G. R. Sayer, who held the post, has become Postmaster General, taking the place of Mr. M. J. Breen who went on leave last Saturday.

Other appointments formally notified are those of the Hon. Sir Henry Pollock, K.C., as Attorney General while the Hon. Sir Joseph Kemp, K.C. is on leave; and of Mr. Philip Jacks as Puisne Judge, following the departure also on leave of Mr. Justice J. R. Wood.

STONE THROWING.

PIANO SHOP WINDOW BROKEN.

THREE SOLDIERS.

Pte. J. Allen, and two others, all of the K.O.S.B., were arrested last night on a charge of wilfully smashing the window of Teang Fook Piano Company, 7, Ice House Street. The case was to be heard at the Central Magistracy this morning, but the "China Mail" learns from reliable sources that a District Court Martial will be held instead.

unable to send reinforcements by rail from Tientsin to Tsinan.—Reuter.

Prohibited Area.

Shanghai, To-day. General Fukuda, commander-in-chief of the Japanese Expedition in Shantung, is quoted as declaring that the Southerners' violence at Tsinan was apparently pre-arranged as the looting started at various points simultaneously; hand bombs were supplied to all entering the city; and the railway was cut before the outrages commenced.

Southern officers are reported as ignoring the Japanese agreement. More Southerners are entering the prohibited area, resulting in a continuation of the fighting.

Tientsin reports that even wireless communication has been impossible since noon on May 4. Tsinan is apparently completely isolated.

On the other hand, Peking reports having received a message filed at 2.30 p.m. on May 4, stating that the Japanese troops were very fatigued but had almost completed the defences. Ammunition and provisions, although diminishing, the report continues, are sufficient for a few days.—Reuter.

FEARS SPREADING.

Japanese Elsewhere Taking Precautions.

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IS THAT SO?

Thoughts Terse, Perverse—and Worse.

BY "THE MAILMAN."

Whether you go to Repulse Bay or Happy Valley this afternoon you can plunge heavily just to be in the swim.

Judging by the manner in which Queen's-road Central is being excavated it might as well be re-named Pick-adilly-dally.

The most popular fruit in America between now and election should be the sloganberry.

The best way to prevent summer suits from shrinking is—not to wash them.

Indian moneylenders consistently refuse to issue receipts, said a Summary Court debtor this week. . . . Wish shroffs would do the same thing!

Residents due for Home leave can be said to be approaching the period of pounds, shillings and expense.

To prevent pursuit by the Southerners, Northern troops have been cutting the Shantung Railway. . . . Thought they had been cutting each other dead for a long time before this last war.

Bathing has been in full swing since the first of the month. . . . and shroffs in full swing.

Some fine names have been introduced by pony owners into the race programme. . . . Gee!

Why should the pens chained up in the Post Office be far from all writers?

To Tennis Spectator.—No, a competitor who receives a walk-over does not have to climb the net.

With quite a number of the Home football teams to-day it is a case of points or disappointments.

Some people go back to the Old Country for a rest. Others go to avoid it.

"Welshen has been plunged into conclusion," says the "S.C.M. Post." . . . All over bar shouting?

Artistic amateur (to sweet young thing): Will you sit for me? She (indignantly): What do you think I am—a hen?

When you see a married man purchasing flowers in Wyndham-street you know there's a story behind the action.

"Lancashire feels rebellious," announces the "Telegraph." . . . Evidently not the first attack.

A contemporary reports that some Spanish fliers are to carry air mail. . . . Is that so?

"Bull" from below: Says the "Telegraph"—"Our contemporary missed a fine chance when it failed to illustrate Mr. Churchill's Budget speech with pictures of a bag of sugar, a tin of kerosene, a bottle of beer, a row of buttons and a mechanical cigarette-lighter." . . . And a bunch of sour grapes.

Books by appropriately named authors: "Leeway" by Horace Shipp (Sampson, Low 7s. 6d.). "Each of the new British battleships mounts nine 16-inch guns, a calibre new to the British Navy."—New Zealand paper. . . . Quite new. But as Beatty said: "Big guns build bonny A.B.s."

"Mr. Campbell now produces. . . The Waygoose"; it appears that a waygoose is nothing more than an annual function in South Africa—a vast confluence of journalists.

"Dillys, Powell in the London 'Sunday Times' . . . Alas for ignorance! Waygoose is an English provincial word, the sole property of printers, representing an event at which journalists are never present except as guests."

It is of course modesty that causes any of Hong Kong's leading counsel to observe that his opinion is "quite the contrary" to that of the "London Council."

The rubber planters of New Guinea declare that with rubber at less than a shilling a pound they will have to shut up or close down. Perhaps both. Doubtless they would prefer to see it at a new guinea a pound.

"Revolver shots were fired and there was a free fight in which 50 casualties occurred, including two killed." If Reuter had not assured us that all this happened in Poland on May Day, we should naturally have concluded that Donnybrook had broken out again.

"S.C.M.P." war news:—"The Rev. in which the Southerners captured Taining lasted for a week and the city was much damaged. There was an appreciable amount of looting on both sides, the foreigners living in the basements for part of the time." . . . Whether our contemporary is referring to a reverend gentleman, a revelation or is merely bungling is not precisely plain.

From a paragraph on the weather:—"We have hopes that before long we shall get some more good downpours. The glass is low. The Swiss lady has been out of doors for two days!" . . . This should strike a responsive chord in the hearts of all who know the Swiss lady.

"Debtor added that he did not receive a cent from the Government. 'Hard luck,' observed Mr. F. C. Jenkin (instructed by Messrs. Wilkinson and Grist) who appeared on behalf of an opposing creditor."—Hong Kong insolvency case. . . . Counsel was evidently instructed to the last detail.

"To Correspondents.—'Ian.'—You are 'hopelessly impossible, as you have already been told, as a humorist. . . . Either change your title or your environment: one or other is at fault. I fancy this advice was proffered you before.—Ed.'—Transvaal paper. . . . Plain words from one gentleman to another one.

People with appropriate names: The Rev. Arthur F. Sharp, of Hampstead, who saw through a confidence trickster after he had victimised half the neighbourhood.

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The Japanese, we read, have been co-operating with the Southerners in clearing out Northern interlopers from Shantung. When, we wonder, are they likely to co-operate with Northerners in helping the departure of interlopers in Manchuria?

"Anxious."—In reply to your question as to whether the Southern troops will be able to cross the Yellow River we suggest that you wade and see.

Now that the Home cricket season has begun again, we suppose that the extremes will still be Hobbs and blobs.

Hong Kong's interport cricketers are informed that the "Shanghai Mind," as transcribed into "Shoot the Blighters," is not as terrible as it sounds and, at worst, can only apply to stuff which their bowlers send down and keep low unexpectedly.

There is no truth in the yarn that Hong Kong-ites who carry umbrellas in preference to wearing raincoats have shady reputations.

Advice to Hong Kong's interport cricket team—Be brave, but not bowled. The show which will have the longest run in Hong Kong this season is One Damp Thing After

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By Order of the Board of Directors. S. J. JORDAIN, Secretary. Hong Kong, 2nd May, 1928.

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Hong Kong, 30th April, 1928.

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IT IS NOTIFIED for General Information that as from 30th April, 1928, and until the Structural Alterations to the present offices are completed the COLONIAL SECRETARIAT will occupy the 3rd floor of the Banque de l'Indo-Chine, French Building, Queen's Road.

E. R. HALLIFAX, Colonial Secretary. 27th April, 1928.

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M. F. KEY, Secretary. GENERAL CHAMBER OF COMMERCE, Hong Kong, 2nd May, 1928.

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NOTORIOUS "REDS."

EUGENE CHEN AND BORODIN COMING TO CHINA.

"TO HAVE ANOTHER TRY."

Reports from Soviet Russia are conflicting as to the movements of Michael Borodin and Eugene Chen, but according to one reliable source of Russian information which has never let the writer down, these two gentlemen are on their way to China via Turkestan, the first disguised as a tea merchant and the other as his interpreter, writes the Szwarc correspondent of the "N. C. D. News." All sorts of reports have been circulated so far in regard to the movements of Comrade Borodin, one stating that he is in Mongolia and another that he is in North Manchuria, but the fact of the matter is that, until very recently, he was in Moscow, preparing for what was termed in official circles, "Borodin's expedition via Turkestan." In Moscow, they are bent upon having another try at "revolutionising China." Much reluctance is placed upon Eugene Chen who is affirmed to be "our staunch and reliable friend." Mrs. Sun is described as a "conscientious worker" but she is said to be "lacking in successful methods."

"Dirty Imperialists." The irrepressible Eugene Chen has been having a fling at the "dirty Imperialists." According to the "Gudok" (the workmen's organ), Chen, in a recent interview with a representative of that paper, has promised to "turn the Shanghai Club into a lodging house for rich coolies." He is said to be furious over the friendly gesture of Li Chi-sen towards Hong Kong and is reported to have declared that "my agents will see to it that trade between Canton and Hong Kong is again brought to a standstill."

The Comrades are very nervous over "the aggressive acts of the British towards the Soviet." Every new type of aeroplane adopted in England is taken as a "sign of preparedness against Soviet Russia." The recent visit of the British squadron to the Baltic has been received with alarm. On the other hand, the Comrades are openly "preparing themselves against Britain."

Shatoff and His Railway.

Men "wanted" in all parts of the world are holding executive positions in Soviet Russia to-day. It would take several columns of the "North China" to describe their present and past activities. One particular case, discovered of late, is that of Bill Shatoff, who is wanted in America for anarchistic agitation. From radical agitator just one jump ahead of the Sheriff to manager-in-chief of the most important railway now building anywhere in the world is a considerable change in less than 10 years, but that is Bill Shatoff's record.

Since his arrival in Russia 10 years ago, Shatoff has been holding a dozen key positions. He helped with characteristic vigour to repel Gen. Yudenich's drive on Petrograd. On another occasion, this anarchist went to the Kremlin to "sift the sheep from the goats," among some 500 alleged anarchists arrested as the result of a bomb outrage when an anarchist group killed a score of Communists. "We saved the good ones," said Shatoff with a grim chuckle, "and let them deal with the rest."

Shatoff is now employed in the construction of what is known as Soviet Russia as the "Turkasi" Railroad, which will link branches from the Trans-Siberian Grand Trunk system to a branch from the Moscow Central Asian system. It will cost \$20,000,000, extend 1,500 kilometres and be completed in four years' time.

LINDERBERG'S FLIGHT.

Nets Him More Than \$125,000.

London, March 26. Colonel Charles Lindbergh—the American aviator who flew single-handed from New York to Paris last May—states that he has earned more than \$125,000 in royalties and payments for his services since his Atlantic flight, says a Central News telegram from New York.

He declares that he is tired of being mauled by admirers, wherever he lands, but has no intention of retiring from aviation.



COLONY'S WATER.

LESS IN HONG KONG, MORE IN KOWLOON.

PER CAPITA FIGURES.

Water stored in the reservoirs in the Colony was, on May 1, less in Hong Kong than on the same date last year, but more in Kowloon.

On May 1, 1928, there were 1,140.39 millions of gallons in the six Hong Kong reservoirs. On the same date last year, the total was 1,300.29.

In April, 1927, restrictions were imposed only on rider mains west of Garden-road. Restriction was in force throughout Hong Kong in April this year, but the consumption was 217 millions of gallons against only 215.29 last year. The higher figure in spite of extended restriction is due to increased population, the estimate given being 421,380 this year and 411,060 last year. The per capita consumption is 17.1 gallons per day in April, 1928, and 17.4 in 1927.

All Round Increase. All figures show an increase in Kowloon. The quantity in storage on May 1, 1927 in the three reservoirs was 253.93 millions of gallons; this year it is 306.29.

The consumption in April, 1927, was 81.36 millions of gallons; in April, 1928, it was 97.59. Per capita was 17 gallons a day last year and 19.7 gallons this year. There was a full supply in April of both years.

The estimated population has gone up from 159,820 to 164,860.

Level and Storage of water in Reservoirs on May 1, 1928:—

CITY AND HILL DISTRICT WATER WORKS LEVEL.

	1927	1928
Tytam Byewash	12' 17" 5/8"	12' 16" 5/8"
Tytam Intermediate	10' 0" 4" 6/8"	10' 0" 4" 6/8"
Tytam Tuk	28' 4" 38" 0/8"	28' 4" 38" 0/8"
Wong Nei Chung	21' 7" 18" 5/8"	21' 7" 18" 5/8"
Pokfulam	12' 1" 11" 10/8"	12' 1" 11" 10/8"
Total	1,300.29	1,140.39

KOWLOON WATER WORKS LEVEL.

	1927	1928
Kowloon Reservoir	18' 0" 17" 4" 8"	18' 0" 17" 4" 8"
Shak Lai Pui Reservoir	20' 4" 9" 2" 8"	20' 4" 9" 2" 8"
Reception Reservoir	10' 10" 2" 0" 8"	10' 10" 2" 0" 8"
Storage of millions and decimals of gallons.		
Consumption	215.29	217.00
Estimated population	411,060	421,380
Consumption per head	17.4	17.1

Intermittent Supply in all Rider Main Districts west of Garden-road during April, 1927, and Full Supply in All Rider Main Districts east of Garden-road during April, 1927.

Intermittent supply in all Rider Main Districts during April, 1928.

The Government Analyst's reports show that the quality of the water is satisfactory.

Total rainfall to April 30, 1927, 16.32 April 30, 1928, 14.74.

HORN "HONKING."

MANILA UP IN ARMS AGAINST THE NUISANCE.

TO BE SUPPRESSED.

Manila, April 24. Following the lead of American cities, Manila is going to put a stop to the unnecessary honking of automobile horns.

Car for car, there is perhaps more horn honking done in Manila than in any other large city in the world. This is largely the result of the city's numerous narrow streets and blind corners. But the police think that there is much needless honking, along the same line as the self-centred driver in the Occident who drives up in front of a residence and disturbs the whole neighbourhood by honking for a friend, and it is to this that they intend to put a stop.

Colonel John Green, chief of the Manila police, has submitted an anti-honking ordinance to the City Board and the latter has given every indication that it will pass the measure. The ordinance makes it a violation of the law for the driver of any motor vehicle to produce unnecessarily a "sound of an unusually loud, annoying, or distressing character." It provides a penalty of from five to fifty pesos for each infraction.

CHEERFUL BOOK.

"STALKY" MEMORIES OF KIPLING.

SCHOOLDAY EXPERIENCES.

London.—The most cheerful book of the year of its kind is that of General Dunsterville, "Stalky's Reminiscences" (Cape, 7s. 6d., published recently). General Dunsterville being, as everybody knows, the original of Kipling's "Stalky," it is not surprising to find here evidence of a gay, resourceful, dare-devil character who is almost as good company in his book as he must be in the flesh.

Naturally, his memories of his school-days, when he was Kipling's room-mate, have for us an interest apart. And the chapters about Westward Ho are as lively as we could expect them to be.

Kipling, one learns, did not exaggerate the roughness of the school in which Dunsterville was the smallest boy. The bullying was of the most brutal description. One amusement was to hold the smaller boys out of a top-storey window by their ankles (the house was five storeys high). Another was to let the miserable victim (blind-folded) down the well of the staircase by a rope from the top landing to a certain distance from the bottom landing and then drop him. One boy's leg was broken that way.

Dunsterville, having endured two or three years of this hardening existence before "Gig lamps" (as Kipling was called) arrived, was well fitted for his destined role of "Stalky." As he puts it, "I was in the passive condition of a bundle of Chinese crackers to which Kipling's fertile brain eagerly applied the torch." He had already acquired the habit of signing his letters to his sisters in blood, and he had made one unsuccessful attempt to run away to sea.

Both Dunsterville and Beresford, (the other room-mate) had their fair share of brains, but Kipling was their natural leader. The fiercest master could not abash him.

I remember Kipling on such occasions merely removing his glasses, polishing them carefully, replacing them on his nose and gazing in placid bewilderment at the thundering tyrant, with a look that suggested "There, there. Don't give way to your little foolish tantrums. Go out and get a little fresh air, and you'll come back feeling quite another man."

Kipling without his glasses was practically blind—a great handicap to him in that knock-about life. He and Dunsterville sometimes fought, but though he was quite muscular, his shorter stature, and his glasses made the other's victory easy.

—and "Stalky."

A more versatile man than "Stalky" never probably joined the Army. He can make himself understood in eight languages besides his own, including Russian, Chinese, Punjabi, Pushtu and Persian. He is a famous comic singer. He must be splendid to hear him render, to the tune of "White Wings," the barrack-room favourite, "Why twins? They might have been triplets." His store of jokes and yarns is endless. Here is a Dunsterville conundrum: "If bread is the staff of life, what is the life of the Staff?" "A long loaf."

"In most ways," he says, "I consider myself an ideal guest. I take whatever is offered me and thoroughly enjoy good things. I never want a second helping of anything, but I will always take one to please my hostess if she insists on it. I have no fads, and do not have to swallow surreptitiously little tabloids to aid my digestion or to counteract the effects of bad cooking or port wine."

"As a conversationalist I have a stock of harmless anecdotes and a smattering of knowledge of most subjects in vogue, and I generally agree with whatever other people say, but I am a very late sitter. I don't want to go to dinner, but once I get there I never want to go home again."

—H.T.

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NOTED SCHOLAR.

THE DEATH OF MR. KU HUNG-MING.

PASSES AWAY IN PEKING.

Peking, April 30. Mr. Ku Hung-ming, a noted Chinese scholar, died of pneumonia at 3 p.m. to-day at his residence in Peking at the age of 72.

The late Mr. Ku was a native of Fukien. He served for 17 years as secretary to Viceroy Chang Chih-tung, Wuchang, and for five years as managing director of the Whangpoo Conservancy Board, Shanghai. He held the post of Dean of the Nanyang College, Shanghai, for eight months. Among his works are "The Story of a Chinese Oxford Movement" and "Translations of Discourses and Sayings of Confucius."—Toho.

RATS AT WAR.

GREYS AND YELLOWS IN PITCHED BATTLE.

Paris.—A war between giant rats has taken place in China in the district of Soueyen, northwest of Kalgan, states the Peking special correspondent of the "Excelsior." Alarmed in the night by strange cries, the villagers of Shalatchi found thousands of corpses of rats, grey and yellow, at their gates. Marks in the sand showed that the yellow rats had come up in an army from the south-west and fought a pitched battle with the grey rats of the town. Some were of enormous size, and six waggons were needed to carry off the corpses, which were buried in the country.

Some days later the yellow rats returned, and a daylight battle took place under the astonished eyes of the villagers, the rats tearing one another to pieces, without caring for the presence of human beings. Thousands of bodies again were left on the field.

LIVELY POLITICS.

30,000 PEASANTS MARCH IN BUCHAREST.

FREE VOTE FIGHT.

Bucarest.—The National Peasant Party held here simultaneously six meetings which were attended by 30,000 people. Resolutions addressed to the Regency were carried demanding the dismissal of the Liberal Government and new elections presided over by an Opposition Cabinet.

At midday the demonstrators formed an imposing procession which passed through the central streets with bands playing national songs and marches. They carried thousands of flags and shields with inscriptions such as "Down with Liberal tyranny." "We want Maniu's Government." "We want Free Elections." [M. Maniu is leader of the Peasant Party.] The police did not interfere and order was maintained. The Opposition leaders stated that the demonstration was the last loyal warning to the Government.

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**SHIPPING SECTION.****CHINA COAST.****CHANGES IN SHIPS' PERSONNEL.**

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Mr. J. Grossett, extra chief officer, "Hsin Peking," is on reserve.
Mr. J. S. Anderson, chief officer, "Changchow," has gone chief officer, "Hanyang."
Mr. J. M. Hall, chief officer, "Hanyang," has gone chief officer, "Changchow."
Mr. L. V. Rowe, chief officer, "Kiukiang," has gone chief officer, "Tatung."
Mr. J. Middleton, chief officer, "Tatung," has gone chief officer, "Kiukiang."
Mr. R. H. Fairley, from reserve, has gone chief officer, "Fengtien."
Mr. W. P. Barclay, second engineer officer, "Luchow," is on reserve.
Mr. C. J. A. Hendry, from reserve, has gone chief officer, "Tuckwo."
Mr. R. E. Smith, sup'y second officer, "Changchow," has gone chief officer, "Leesang."
Mr. N. Richardson, from reserve, has gone second officer, "Pingwo."
Mr. H. F. Sawyer, second officer, "Pingwo," is on reserve.
Mr. F. H. Davies, sup'y second officer, "Tuckwo," has gone second officer, "Sulwo."
Mr. E. A. C. Chambers, second officer, "Sulwo," has resigned.
Mr. W. W. Armes, on joining the I.C.S.N. Co., has gone sup'y second officer, "Tuckwo."
Mr. W. F. Smith, second engineer officer, "Tuckwo," has gone second engineer officer, "Fausang."
Mr. R. M. Sangster, second engineer officer, "Fausang," is on reserve.

—Shipping and Engineering.

TYPHOON SEASON.

WHAT SHIPS OF 60 TONS UP MUST HAVE.

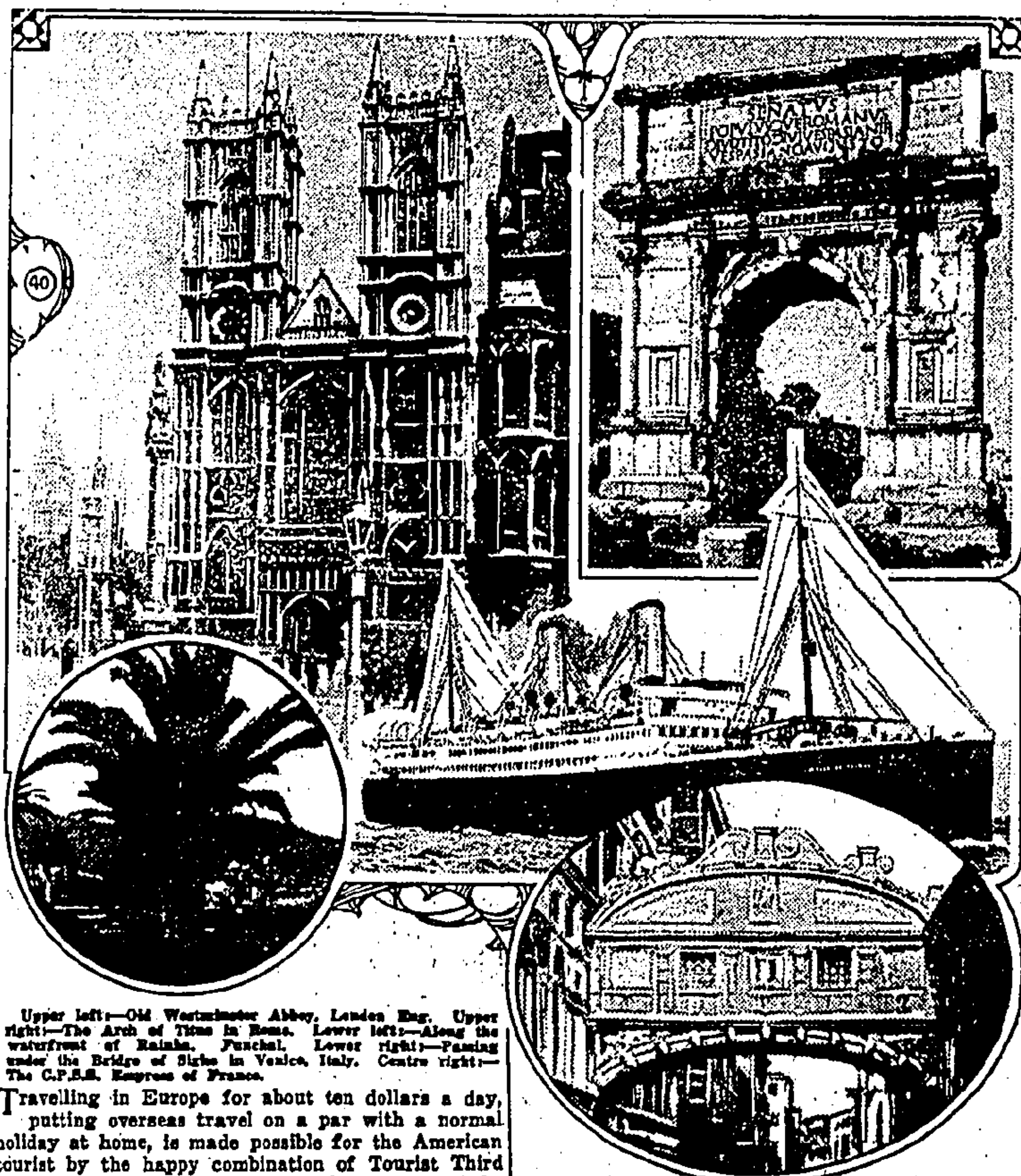
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FOREIGN SHIPS.

Under section 13 of the Merchant Shipping Ordinance, the Governor has enacted that certain sections mentioned in the "Gazette" shall apply to all foreign ships while within the waters of the Colony to the same extent as they apply to British ships.

The quarantine order against shipping arrivals from Sourabaya has been rescinded by the Hong Kong Government.

Dreams of Visiting Old World Countries Come True.

Upper left—Old Westminster Abbey, London Eng. Upper right—The Colosseum, Rome, Italy. Lower left—Famous water-front of Hamburg, Germany. Lower right—Famous bridge of Venice, Italy. Centre right—The C.P.S. R.M.S. "Empress of Canada".

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MOVEMENT OF STEAMERS.

The B.I. s.s. "Takliwa" left Singapore for this port on May 1 p.m., and is due here to-morrow.

The C.P.S. R.M.S. "Empress of Canada" from Hong Kong on April 18 left Yokohama on Friday, and is due at Vancouver to-morrow.

The s.s. "Kendal Castle" (D. & Co.) sailed from New York on March 9, and is due here on Monday.

The C.P.S. R.M.S. "Empress of Russia" arrived Manila on April 29 at 8 a.m., leaves Manila to-day at 4 p.m., and is due at Hong Kong on Monday at 9 a.m.

The C.P.S. R.M.S. "Empress of Asia" left Vancouver for Hong Kong via Japan ports and Shanghai, on April 27 and is due here on May 14.

The Swedish East Asiatic Co. M.V. "Rankine" left Hamburg on April 14 and is due here on or about May 25.

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STEAMERS	SAILINGS 1928.		Kobe		Y'hama		V'vor	
	Leave	Arrive	Leave	Arrive	Leave	Arrive	Leave	Arrive
EMPRESS OF RUSSIA	May 9	May 12	May 15	May 18	May 21	May 24	May 27	May 30
EMPRESS OF ASIA	May 30	June 2	June 5	June 7	June 10	June 13	June 16	June 19
EMPRESS OF CANADA	June 13	June 16	June 19	June 21	June 24	June 27	June 30	July 3
EMPRESS OF RUSSIA	July 4	July 7	July 10	July 12	July 15	July 18	July 21	July 24
EMPRESS OF ASIA	July 15	July 21	July 24	July 26	Aug. 1	Aug. 4	Aug. 7	Aug. 10
EMPRESS OF CANADA	Aug. 8	Aug. 11	Aug. 14	Aug. 16	Aug. 19	Aug. 22	Aug. 25	Aug. 28
EMPRESS OF RUSSIA	Aug. 29	Sept. 1	Sept. 4	Sept. 6	Sept. 9	Sept. 12	Sept. 15	Sept. 18
EMPRESS OF ASIA	Sept. 12	Sept. 15	Sept. 18	Sept. 20	Sept. 23	Sept. 26	Sept. 29	Oct. 2
EMPRESS OF CANADA	Oct. 3	Oct. 6	Oct. 9	Oct. 11	Oct. 14	Oct. 17	Oct. 20	Oct. 23

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June 5	June 7	EMPRESS OF CANADA	June 8

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THE BOAT RACE.

FULL DESCRIPTION OF THE
EVENT.

CAMBRIDGE VICTORS.

Cambridge (as already briefly
announced in the "China Mail")
won a very easy victory in the 80th
Boat Race on March 31, winning
by ten lengths. They have thus
won 39 times to the 40 times of
Oxford, and have opened up the
prospect of drawing level next
year, the centenary year. It is also
worthy of record that Cambridge
have now equalled their previous
best sequence of wins, and should
they win next year it will constitute
a "record."

One has to go back to 1900, when
one of the best crews ever seen at
Putney beat what has usually been
considered as the worst, by 20
lengths, to find a crew winning by
so great a margin as Cambridge did
this year. It is exceedingly diffi-
cult to judge such distances unless
the second crew is also timed, and
as the leading crew can scarcely
have gone its hardest it is impos-
sible to draw comparisons. The
actual unofficial time distance be-
tween the crews was just over 30
sec., but it was obvious that Cam-
bridge could have won by a con-
siderably greater distance had they
so desired.

There can be little doubt that the
series of reverses which Oxford
have had in all branches of sport
has definitely affected the confi-
dence of their representatives, and
in this particular race Oxford row-
ed in a manner that suggested that
they expected to be beaten from the
end of the first minute. The state
of Oxford rowing is now no
worse than it has been in the past,
and it will not be long before the
traditions are rebuilt once more,
based on confidence, as were those
of Cambridge in 1899. That Cam-
bridge should have gained an easy
victory is not surprising, for as a
crew they were in a different class.
This is remarkable when one con-
siders that before the race they
rowed only 17 strokes in a final
practice row of half a minute. Ox-
ford did little better with 18 1/2
strokes. This must be quite un-
paralleled in the modern history of
the Boat Race, and it is extraordi-
nary that University crews should
be so sluggish. In regard to Cam-
bridge it may be argued that they
had no need to row at a faster
stroke, but the fact remains that
they were not capable of more than
36, and University crews owe it to
the traditions of the race that they
should come to the post capable of
a fast stroke, even if they have no
occasion to use it.

But for this one fault, and it is
a very serious one, the Cambridge
crew were a really fine crew. As
they never had to race at any
period of the course, except for
some 20 strokes after the Mile Post,
it is impossible to tell how good
they were, but I am inclined to
think that their capacity was un-
derestimated. They had excep-
tional length, and they got their
blades in as far behind the riggers,
probably farther, than any crew
since the War. On this day they
were, as is usual when rowing in
an easy race, at their very best,
and they gave a good exhibition of
stylish rowing. What they would
have done had they been led off the
mark, as they assuredly would have
been by any good second-rate crew,
rowing a racing race, is uncertain.
They would probably not have rowed
so well as they did, but it is
hard to believe that they would not
have rowed well, for they were so
well drilled and precise, and their
great length in the water was ob-
tained without apparent effort, ex-
cept on the part of their very stout-
hearted President, Holcroft. They
had such pace over the course that
they could have overhauled most
post-war University crews after
having been led by a long distance.
Had they commanded a high stroke
they might easily have been a great
crew.

A Tame Start.
Conditions for the race were not
so slow as had been anticipated.
A light S.E. breeze was blowing,
and the course was calm from start
to finish, the only place in which
there was a slight ripple with the
wind against the tide being just
before Barnes Bridge. The tide
was a little stronger than was ex-
pected, but the crews, who were
five minutes late in starting, mis-
sed the best of the flood. The
crowds on the banks were for an
early morning race very consider-
able, but they were not comparable
to those which have watched the
race in the afternoon during the
last few years. Oxford won the
toss and chose the Middlesex sta-
tion. At the start Oxford did not
let their oars draw their bodies far
enough forward, with the result
that Cambridge, who got a good
start, jumped forward some six to
eight feet at the very first stroke.
Oxford rowed 9 1/2, 18 1/2 and 34, a
very tame affair. At the end of a
minute Cambridge were nearly half
a length ahead, rowing 29 to the
32 of Oxford. At Craven Steps,
2 min. 25 sec., Cambridge, evident-
ly rowing well within themselves,
were still only half a length up,
and in some mysterious way the
Oxford crew, although they had

completely gone to pieces, contin-
ued to cling to Cambridge until the
Mile Post. Cambridge were row-
ing very steadily but ponderously
at this point at 28 to Oxford's 32,
and it looked for a moment as if
Oxford, if they could find some
semblance of their normal form,
might catch Cambridge, or at least
be in striking distance at Chiswick.
But the illusion may have been due
to Cambridge's boat dragging on the
Surrey Flats. At this moment
Letchworth began to row. He
gave the crew 20 strokes at 30, and
the crew almost immediately shot
away clear of Oxford. Llewellyn
answered, but without making the
slightest impression, and Cam-
bridge, dropping once more to 28,
went away rapidly until at Ham-
mersmith Bridge they were one
and three-quarter lengths ahead,
and continued to gain even more
rapidly after shooting the Bridge,
where Oxford were across the tide.
The difference between the crews
at Harrods was very striking.
Cambridge were so infinitely the
longer and stronger crew that Ox-
ford were dwarfed beside them.
Cambridge individually were row-
ing particularly well. The best
man was Beesly, who was more
than making amends for his loss of
form in the last practice course.
Rowing extremely hard, he was
only superior to the President by
reason of his greater ease. The
latter, however, was rowing magni-
fiently, while Collins and Letch-
worth were also very good. Ox-
ford were a shocking contrast for
apart from bow and No. 2, no two
men in the crew were even approx-
imately uniform. Murray-Threil-
land, at No. 7, was rowing like a
hero between a stroke who had lost
all control of his slide from the
first minute and, in his anxiety to
make a race of it, was setting no
sort of rhythm, and a No. 6 who
had, also in his inexperience,
abandoned form to race individual-
ly. The change of style in Godber
was utterly unexpected. He had
been consistent in training though
a certain lack of dash could be at-
tributed to his youth. After the
first minute of the race he com-
pletely lost the regular swing
which had been a feature of the
crew, and beside him Brander
seemed to swing better than usual.
Morphett, at No. 4, was the best
man after Murray-Threilpland, for
Shaw and Graham, though they did
not lose their form, were both very
short forward.

A Quiet Finish.
By Chiswick Steps, which they
reached in 12 min. 14 sec., Cam-
bridge were just four lengths
ahead, and had dropped to a strong
paddle at 26. The slight head
breeze seemed to have no effect on
the run of their boat. Barnes was
reached in 17 min., with Cambridge
leading by six lengths. Letch-
worth brought his boat in at 30
from that point, and gained a fur-
ther three lengths, to pass the post
in 20 min. 25 sec. Llewellyn drove
his very tired crew to the finish at
33. So ended this extremely un-
equal contest, and the most sur-
prising thing about it was that
Oxford managed to hang on even
for a mile.

The order of rowing and weights
were:-
Cambridge.
R. G. Michel (Shrews-
bury and Calus (bow 11 4
2. N. M. Adams (Leather-
head and Selwyn) ... 11 13
3. M. H. Warriner (Harrow
and First Trinity) ... 13 0
4. R. Beesly (Oundle and
First Trinity) ... 13 4
5. J. C. Holcroft (Radley
and Pembroke) ... 12 13
6. J. B. Collins (Eton and
Third Trinity) ... 14 3
7. R. A. Symonds (Bedford
and Lady Margaret) ... 11 12
*T. E. Letchworth (Down-
side and Christ's)
(stroke) ... 12 9
A. L. Sulley (Denstone
and Selwyn) (cox) ... 8 6
Oxford.
M. C. Graham (Shrews-
bury and Magdalen)
(bow) ... 11 3
2. *T. W. Shaw (Shrewsbury
and Christ Church) ... 12 10
3. *N. E. Whiting (Radley
and Pembroke) ... 11 11
4. H. C. Morphet (Geelong
and Brasenose) ... 12 3
5. G. M. Brander (Edin-
burgh Academy and
Exeter) ... 13 9
6. G. E. Godber (Bedford
and New College) ... 12 12
7. *P. W. Murray Threilpland
(Eton and Christ
Church) ... 12 12
W. S. Llewellyn (Eton
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*Sir J. Croft (Eton and
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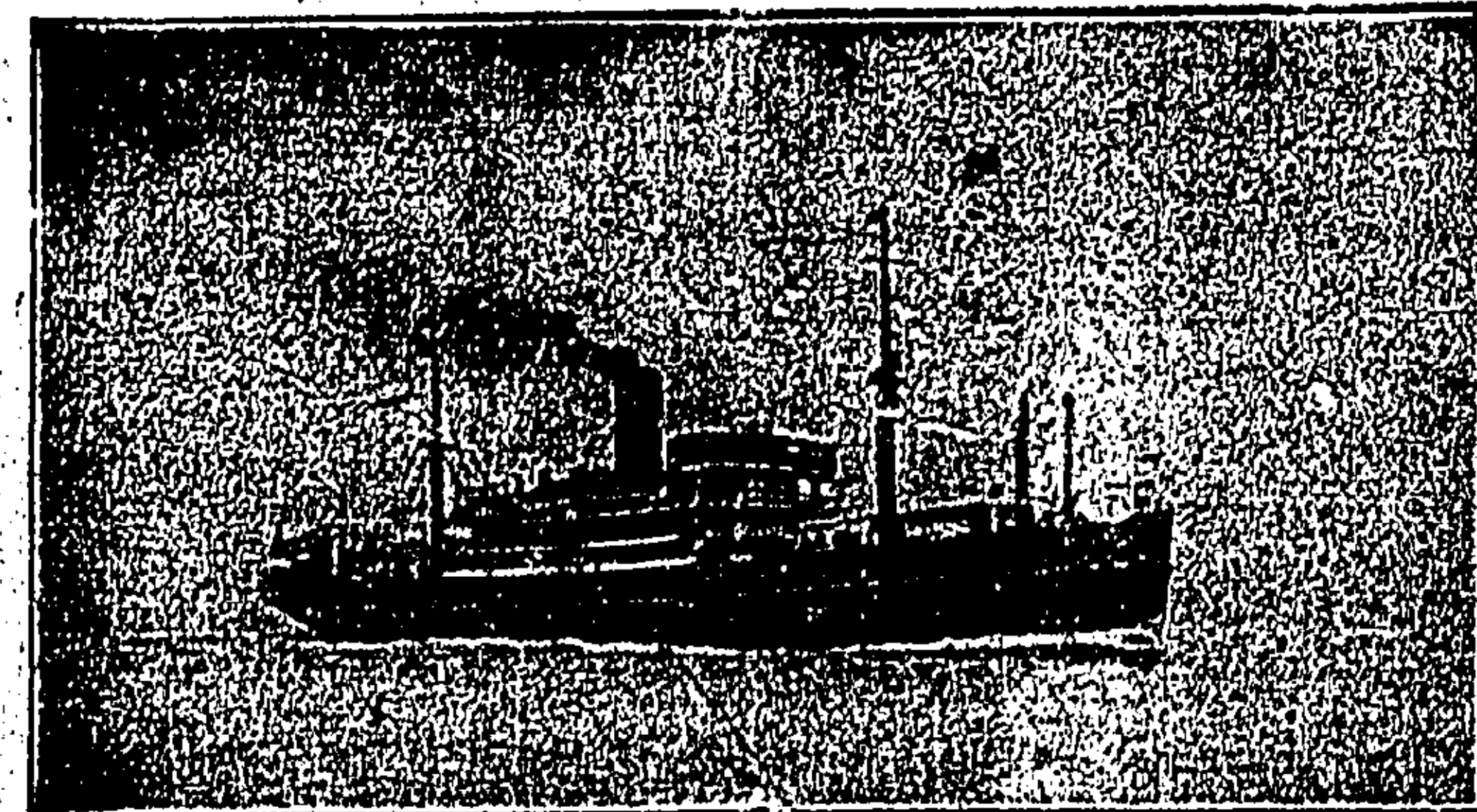
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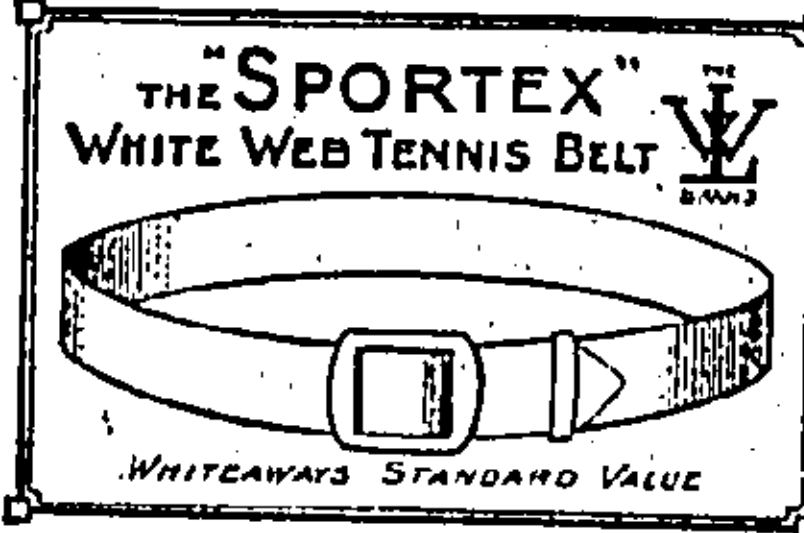


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H.C.—His Column.

The observance of
Saturday in Hong
Kong, I have dis-
covered, goes be-
yond the mere donning of dinner
things in the evening and keeping
going until midnight. Rites start
earlier these days. One is the eat-
ing of hotel lobsters at tiffin time.
The programme of one young
matron of my acquaintance on the
great day is to drive herself into
town just before the cocktail hour,
park the car at a convenient spot,
do a little shopping, which always
includes the purchase of some
flowers and then call at the office
for husband. He pretends to be
interested in the progress that
Home made piecegoods are making
in the China market, but really he
has been looking forward to this
call to lobsters. Then the happy
pair stroll to the hotel and devour
shellfish. They did this last
Saturday. And they will do it
again to-day.

I have long sus-
pected that the
comic sections we
see in the news-
papers these days were not pub-
lished entirely for the youngsters.
Now I am sure of it. There is one
popular "strip," as I think they are
called, which has to do with the
adventures and misadventures of a
young lady; now the sweet little
thing is involved in preparations
for a "companionate marriage." It
would be difficult to persuade me
that children—even American chil-
dren, from which country the
"comic" emanates—are interested
or even understand this new phase
of marital development. Even if
we consider the daily happenings
to jiggs in the "China Mail"
columns we are compelled to ac-
knowledge that "bringing up
father" is a process which has a
distinct adult appeal—particularly
if one is married!

My calendar confines
The Dog, this period to the forty
Days, days that lie between
July 3 to August 11, in
the course of which time old
Sirius, the brightest of all the
stars, rises and sets with the sun.
Here, like the poor and the shroffs
who keep us poor, the Dog Days
are with us always. Only yester-
day my China Mail related the tale
of two bites. And one of the vic-
tims was a police inspector, which
is, too bad. It was the inspector's
own dog, so here we have a splen-
did illustration of an animal bit-
ing the hand that feeds him—unless
the inspector was left-handed, of
course; or unless the dog received
its meals at the hand of the boy it
or cooie. Perhaps another old
saying has also justified itself, that
man if an irritating object against

one about every dog having it's
day. I can conceive no greater
pleasure for any type than an op-
portunity to get its teeth into some
human or other, and surely every
canine in the Colony has by now
found that opportunity.

What, then, are we
going to do about
it? If the time
has arrived when
police officers, and of high rank
too, are liable to be chewed by
their own dogs, some drastic re-
medy is surely called for. Nothing
less than the elimination of old
Sirius suggests itself to my mind.
Earthly stars, after a while, fall to
rise no more; why should not those
—or at least this one—in the
Heavenly constellation? He is
bright, is Sirius, but he is not in-
dispensable. Canis Major, in
whose mouth our dog star is locat-
ed, might miss him if he was
abolished, but we would not. I
think it is far better that he should
go, and the bad influence he was
over the canine race removed for
ever. It would be difficult, no
doubt for writing of dogs reminds
me that there was once a many-
headed one called cerberus who
used to keep watch over the gates
of Hades. Hercules spent the best
part of an energetic life in attempt-
ing to bring this canine to earth.
Which, however, has nothing what-
ever to do with a police officer los-
ing a bit of his right hand. Has
it?

There were expressions
of relief in many homes
Rumours, on Tuesday when a
message from Chefoo
was published in the papers to the
effect that the reported evacuation
of British nationals was untrue.
The school at this northern port is
favoured by British parents, as is
the one at Weihaiwei, though the
former interests in the main mis-
sionaries. The original report
mentioning advice from the British
Consul to remove to Weihaiwei was
never really understood here, for
at the latter place we have but a
detachment of infantry whilst, at
this time of the year, Chefoo is the
rendezvous of the American Fleet
in these waters. On a recent trip
back to Hong Kong from the
north I was compelled to stay at
Chefoo for a day, and a walk
around the town gave the impres-
sion that if any one representative
collection of nationals should be-
come alarmed that one would be
the Russian.

I trust that the bad
His Bathing points about Repulse
Suit. Bay as a bathing
beach, as thrust into
public notice by the newspapers,
will not result in that resort los-
ing any of its present-day popular-
ity, for people so enjoy themselves
there. On Sunday afternoon I pass-
ed a car load of folk coming from
the beach, all as happy as could
be. They must have just been in
the water for the gentleman who
was driving was clad in but his
bathing suit. Perhaps he will
deny this when he sees me in the
street again; but I am sure of my
point. He was driving fairly fast,
maybe in order to dry himself the
quicker. At any rate he was not
moving too rapidly to be recognis-
ed.

Why Not? Why not drive along
the highway in a bath-
ing suit? some may
ask. Why not? I reply. I would
not hesitate about doing it myself,
nor would quite a lot of people I
know; but then there are so many
who would not only refuse thus to
careen in public but who would not
approve of any of their friends
doing so. And I fancy the light-
ly-clad one I perceived on Sunday
belongs to this category of mortals.
Perhaps At that I will
leave the matter.

Whilst possessing no
The Pen & desire to emphasise
Sword. or enlarge upon re-
cent military acti-

vities in the Colony I can say that,
when they feel like it, there is
one thing a soldier in Hong Kong
can most efficiently break. That is
into print. One the other day
opined in local columns why the
military are so active in certain
directions and as a specimen of
journalism his letter was near
perfection. No newspaperman
could have done better if he had
written to himself. Here I will
divulge a little secret. Some
newspaper editors, for publication
do write to themselves, but this
only happens, I am told, in what
is known as the "ally season,"
which means when Parliament is
not sitting and news is accord-
ingly scarce. Such being the case,
the assertion that local editors
never write to themselves needs no
substantiation. Does it?

The heading I have at-
tached to the foregoing
note—I am compelled to
put something or other—brings a
reminder that the old adage about
the pen being mightier than the
sword, in view of recent Army
changes, needs revising. For the
sword, it seems, has lost its might.
It was, of course, always a useful
weapon in the hands of a cavalry-
man if an irritating object against

the leg of an officer on ceremonial
parade. Now that they are sacri-
ficing our horse soldiers to the
impelling calls of mechanism the
sword, as symbolising the function
of the great god Mars is
a misnomer. Which means that
the old age will have
to be revised. The pen
—take these notes, for instance—
will always be mighty, and as its
foil, I suppose, we will have to
quote the sparking plug or car-
burettor. Which is a pity.

The fact that the sub-
jects of Mussolini are
fishers," not known as Italian-
ers, that hardy des-
cendants of the north are not
known as Danishers and Swed-
ishers constitutes no sound reason
why those of our own race should
not be known as Britishers. Kip-
ling, if my memory serves me as
it should, uses the term once or
twice in "The Five Nations," that
collection of verse which includes
"The White Man's Burden," and
the Service Songs. This fact, al-
lowing it to be a fact, does not, in
turn, constitute sound argument in
favour of the expression. The
mere acknowledgment that the
word Britisher is Kiplingese would,
in the minds of many, negative its
acceptance. The main objection
to it, it seems, is instinctive. The
sound or the sight of the word in
print somewhat repels most people.
That is why I did not like to see
it on a poster the other day.

China's Golden Age.

Dropping accident-
tally across Sir R.
K. Douglas' re-
markable asser-
tion in his China that the people
about which he writes "have none
of the characteristics of a warlike
race and their triumphs—have
been gained rather by peaceful ad-
vance than by force of arms," I
attempted to ascertain just when
it was that the Chinese were so
fashioned. And, really, I could not
find it. The authentic history of
the country begins about 2200 B.C.
and there certainly was not dis-
played for the following two thou-
sand years any noticeable signs of
"peaceful advance." "Ah," will say
the sinologue, "this trait came with
Confucius." Nothing of the kind,
dear Sir. The jolly old Sage was
born and he died during one of
the blackest periods of Chinese his-
tory, during what is known as "the
Age of Confucius," though he was
not named after it. Around about
65 B.C., when the wise one existed,
the central authority of the Em-
peror was weakened and the feudal
system was alive; regional com-
mands, as now, were the order of
the day, and there was all the mis-
rule and internecine war that any
country could stand. Poor old
China's Golden Age; that blessed
period when peaceful advances pre-
vailed existed most assuredly be-
fore her known history began,
which is to say, more than 4,000
years ago. The very writings of
Confucius go to support this theory
more than anything else I can think
of.

Many and far apart are
She Said the incidents that arouse
"Deaf human passion. With
It." one it is half a dozen
horses racing along the
straight; with another the tang of
blood mused in sawdust which,
with perspiration, makes the ring-
side atmosphere; and with yet an-
other the carelessly uttered "bent
it" of a woman he thought he loved.
What prompts these thoughts
is the news that yet again a man
has gone and killed a female who,
as the poets might have put it,
turned him down. Why could he
not have drowned his sorrow de-
cently, or, say, indited a nice little
letter of hate. Such as:

Roses are red
Violets are blue;
Oh, gosh, the postage
I've wasted on you!

I was present at an
agreeable little cere-
mony the other day at
which a journalist
whose work has graced these
columns for four years was the
central character. The ceremony
had to do with his leaving the
office and, incidentally, newspaper
activities, for I hear he is return-
ing to our midst in a totally differ-
ent capacity. Those of us who
toll and mull among printing ink
wish him, I am sure, every success
in his new sphere and I am sure
that Mr. E. R. Price, the gentle-
man in question, reciprocates our
good wishes. In seeking other
fields to conquer he is following
the example of more than one
newspaperman who has come East
in recent years. It has been said
that the only people who make
money out of papers are the people
who own them and the people who
sell them. I do not agree, per-
sonally, banking more on the first
and last principles of what I be-
lieve was the basis of the Ameri-
can Declaration of Independence—
"Health, wealth and the pursuit of
happiness." However, may he
grow rich quick, win the Derby
Sweep, or hold a succession of good
hands at the K.C.C. tables. What
more could I wish him?

EGYPT.

WAFD'S UNVARIED
AIMS.

REVERSION TO 1924.

Cairo.—The entire Egyptian
Press has placed the new Premier's
statement of policy in the forefront
of the days' news, emphasising
especially two of its passages.

These are the one affirming the
intention of the Government to con-
tinue its efforts "to safeguard in-
tegrally the rights of the country in
both Egypt and the Sudan," and
that declaring that the Cabinet's
acceptance of the responsibility of
office was not to be considered "as
a recognition of the situation or any
act in opposition to the complete
independence of the country and its
sovereignty."

These words are almost identical
with those used by Zaghloul Pasha
on more than one occasion, and
constitute an unequivocal reminder
of the virtual restoration of the
situation of 1924—a circumstance
strongly affirmed by the Egyptian
newspapers' comments, although
not in so many words. Another
passage which has aroused wide
satisfaction is that appealing to
Britain for what Nahas Pasha calls
"reciprocity," by which alone an
entente cordiale is realisable be-
tween two friends, not between
master and slave.

Still more noteworthy is the pas-
sage referring to the draft treaty,
which the Premier stated to be
"incompatible both in its prin-
ciples and its disposition with the
independence and sovereignty of
the country and with legalised oc-
cupation."

Idea of Independence.
These passages do not leave the
slightest doubt of the complete in-
accuracy of the belief expressed by
a certain section of the British
Press to the effect that the part of
the treaty concerning the occupa-
tion was the real obstacle to the
acceptance of the treaty. It cannot
be too clearly understood that the
Wafd, which represents the
majority of articulate Egyptian
opinion, rejected every clause of the
treaty precisely because it was in-
compatible, in principle as well as
form, with the Wafd conception of
independence, which is indepen-
dence such as is enjoyed by
Belgium or any other small nation
similarly placed.

Furthermore, it should be re-
called that Sarwat Pasha's Note
rejecting the treaty on behalf of
the Cabinet was a very different
Note from that which the Wafdist
Ministers wished to be presented,
and which would have taken the
treaty clause by clause and criticis-
ed each in the light of Wafd views.

It is likewise completely untrue
to accuse the Residency of being
unable to distinguish between make-
believe and reality. In fact, the Re-
sidency had nothing to do with the
negotiations except as an inter-
mediary for the transmission of
correspondence between Sarwat
Pasha and Sir Auston Chamberlain.
If anyone is responsible for mis-
calculation it was surely Sarwat
Pasha primarily, and he has con-
fessed as much in the Egyptian
Green Book, although how he or any
other Egyptian politician could
ever make such an error is in-
comprehensible.

Waiting Policy.
The Wafd has never swerved a
hairbreadth from its original
programme as outlined by Zaghloul
Pasha, and Nahas Pasha has now
once again made the situation per-
fectly clear. The policy of the
Wafd, as in 1924, is to wait until
British opinion evolves sufficiently
to accept the more or less complete
liquidation of the British position
in Egypt as the price of the solu-
tion of the Egyptian problem. In the
meantime it will take every possible
advantage of its control of the
Executive, whether actually holding
office as at present, or screened by
a Premier belonging to another
party.

In a word the Wafd believes that
time and circumstance are its allies.
Finally, as regards the Premier's
speech, the passage referring to the
security enjoyed by foreigners is
considered to constitute an indirect
reply to the British Government's
recent announcement of policy after
Sarwat Pasha's resignation.

DO YOU KNOW?

To-day's List of
Little Posers.

1. From day to day in the "China Mail" appear half a dozen questions of a general nature, for which acknowledgment is due to the "Daily Sketch." Answers will be found on page 9 of this issue.
2. How many surfaces a drop of water has?
3. Who called what the Pearl of Africa?
4. How many counties there are in the Province of Ulster?
5. Which of them are part of the Irish Free State?
6. What Usedom is?
7. Who the Vorns, the Vorns were?

CUT OFF?

(Continued from Page 1.)

It is reported that the fighting at Tainan lasted till 12 noon on May 4. Looting continued after that and it is rumoured that about a hundred Japanese residents were killed.

Japanese troops are being placed around Tainan, on the coast, so as to form an area within which no fighting will be permitted, and to protect public works.—British Naval Wireless.

CHINESE CABLES.

Japanese Reinforcements On The Way.

Latest Chinese cables state that firing in Tainan has ceased and that the Japanese and Nationalist headquarters have discussed matters.

It also transpires that the trouble was in the western part of the city, the east being comparatively quiet.

The report that Japanese reinforcements are on the way to Tainan is confirmed and there is also a rumour that further detachments of Japanese troops may go to South Manchuria.

The Japanese are maintaining order in Tainan, according to Chinese reports, and practically in charge of the port.

Reports From London.

London, Yesterday. Telegrams from China report that following the occupation of Tainan by Southern troops, the Japanese garrison had a serious encounter with Chinese soldiers who looted Japanese property. It is reported that several Japanese civilians were killed and that there were thirty casualties among the Japanese troops while the Chinese casualties numbered some hundreds. Disorder was still proceeding to-day although it has decreased somewhat.—British Wireless Service.

When Attack Began.

Tainan, Yesterday. Official despatches from Tainan state that the Southern troops re-opened their attack at 2 a.m. on May 4, large numbers attempting to rush the Japanese defence line.

Japanese and foreigners living outside are reported to have been massacred although the extent of the outrages is unascertainable at the moment owing to the prevailing conditions.

Fighting continued for three hours and diminished after that.—Reuter.

Southerners Disarmed.

Tientsin, Yesterday. Street fighting in Tainan has broken out again while the Japanese are attempting to disarm the Southerners, who, it is alleged, contrary to their agreement, failed to evacuate the Japanese section of the city.

As a result of the fighting, telephonic communications between the Japanese detachments have been cut. Two thousand Southerners have hitherto been disarmed. It is reported that 15,000 Southerners are participating in the fight.—Reuter.

Agreement Reached.

Peking, Yesterday. It transpires that following Chiang Kai-shek's assurances that order would be maintained, General Fukuda on the morning of May 3 ordered the Japanese troops guarding Japanese properties to be withdrawn and concentrated in the Japanese school premises.

Immediately afterwards the Southerners began looting whereupon the Japanese troops were again ordered out to protect Japanese properties. The Southern troops fired on the Japanese, who replied, the firing and looting going on spasmodically until 6 a.m. when General Fukuda reached an agreement with Chiang Kai-shek under which all Southern troops should be withdrawn from the foreign settlement area by 7 o'clock.

The Japanese disarmed 1,000 Southerners who were not withdrawn by that hour.

There is a report that some foreigners other than Japanese were killed, but this is not confirmable. There are 3,000 Japanese troops and 40,000 Nationalists at present in Tainan.—Reuter.

Nationalist Version.

Shanghai, Yesterday. The following is the Chinese version of the trouble in Tainan:

The trouble was the culmination of a series of incidents including the shooting of a Nationalist officer on May 2, and the detention of Nationalist street lecturers, both by Japanese, the news of which was suppressed by Nationalist headquarters in order to avoid exciting the troops.

On the morning of May 3, the Japanese troops frequently obstructed and even disarmed some Chinese soldiers in the streets, resulting in altercations and the outbreak of firing, during which ten Chinese soldiers were killed and wounded. This created a panic among the people and shops were closed.

After this the Japanese troops withdrew behind their barricades and fired on any Chinese appearing in the vicinity of their defences, killing a considerable number of soldiers and civilians. The Chinese troops replied until Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek ordered them to cease fire.—Reuter.

Peking Aid Refused.

Tokyo, Yesterday. In expressing regret for the Tainan affair Marshal Chang Tso-lin of Peking offered to assist the Japanese with arms and ammunition, but the offer was declined on the ground that the Japanese intend to suppress the outrages unaided.—Reuter.

Armoured Trains.

Tokyo, Yesterday. According to a message from Tientsin the Japanese military authorities are sending armoured trains with reinforcements to Tainan.—Reuter.

Air Unit.

Tokyo, Yesterday. In addition to the 2,000 troops from Dairen, the Japanese have decided to despatch an air unit from Korea and a railway unit from Japan to Tainan, making total reinforcements of 2,300.—Reuter.

Precautionary Measure.

Tokyo, Yesterday. As a precautionary measure in the case of anti-Japanese outbreaks elsewhere, the Navy Office has ordered warships to proceed to various ports on the Yangtze River and in South China where there are Japanese residing, while four additional destroyers are going to Tainan.—Reuter.

U.S. Ships Arrive.

Tsingtao, Yesterday. The American submarine tender "Beaver" with six submarines, has arrived here.—Reuter.

WAR MOVEMENTS.

Nationalist Allies Marching Forward.

Nationalist war despatches indicate that the Southern troops are preparing for operations north of the Yellow River, that the main column of the Kuomintang from Honan has occupied Taining in south Chihli and that the Shansi army is counter-attacking the Northerners in the north of Shansi.

Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek of the Nationalist Armies is stated to have ordered the arrest of Mr. Liang Shih-yi, a Cantonese, who is Director of the Revenue Board in Peking, and who has been described as having political connections in all the major factions in China.

BOY SCOUTS.

DEATH KNELL TO MOVEMENT IN ITALY.

Rome.—The deathblow to the Boy Scout movement in Italy is foreshadowed by the decision taken by the Cabinet recently. Signor Mussolini, in a report to his Ministers, announced that there is no need in Italy for other formations for boys and youths beyond those of the Fascist "Battalia" and "Avanguardisti."

Referring to the importance of the last ceremony, when a levy of eighty thousand youths entered the ranks, Signor Mussolini said it was not only a ceremony, but a highly important moment in that system of education and unification which is one of the first charges of the State.

Continuing, he stated: "Given the fullness of the Battalia and Avanguardisti movement, and given its State character, other movements lose their raison d'être more and more every day, and therefore there arises the necessity to reform the laws in intransigent style of Fascism."

The Pope's Speech. The only other movement that approaches in any way the Fascist boys' organisations is that of the Italian Boy Scouts. Now in Italy the Scout movement has been entirely associated with the welfare activities of the Roman Catholic Church, and their continuance to this date has been one of the many gestures of friendliness made to the Church by the Fascist State.

References in a recent speech by the Pope to the question of the education of Italian youth has to a certain extent re-opened asperities on the question of relations between Church and State, and this decision of Signor Mussolini to pass a measure which obviously must within its scope dissolve Catholic Boy Scout organisations may therefore be read as the knell of the Boy Scout movement and as a retort to the Vatican.

Schoolboys' clothing is the most unhygienic, absurd thing ever invented.—Dr. Graham Little, M.P.

TUNG WAH.

NEW HOSPITAL AT SOOKUMPOO.

H.E. LAYS STONE.

Several hundreds of sympathisers of the laudable scheme were present yesterday afternoon when His Excellency the Governor, Sir Cecil Clementi, K.C.M.G., LL.D., M.A., performed the ceremony of laying the foundation stone of the new Tung Wah Eastern Hospital at Sookumpoo.

Amongst those present were the Hon. Sir Henry Pollock, Kt., K.C., and Lady Pollock, His Lordship Bishop H. Valtorta, the Hon. Sir Shou-son Chow, Sir Robert Ho Tung, the Hon. Mr. T. W. Southern, the Hon. Mr. E. R. Hallifax, the Hon. Mr. J. Owen-Hughes, the Hon. Dr. R. H. Kotewall, Colonel L. G. Bird, Mr. A. E. Wood, Dr. S. W. T'so, Mr. and Mrs. R. A. C. North, Dr. G. Schöffel, Mr. H. B. L. Dowbiggin, Mr. and Mrs. G. R. Sayer, Dr. A. Cannon, Dr. (Mrs.) Hickling, Mr. M. K. Lo, Mr. Ho Leung, Mr. Simon Tze Yan, Mr. Ho Kom-tong, Mr. Li Yan-chuen, Mr. Ho Lu, Mr. Sam Pak-ming, many foreign and Chinese members of the medical fraternity, and village elders from the New Territories.

His Excellency the Governor, who was accompanied by Lady Clementi and Captain Whyte, A.D.C., arrived promptly at 3 p.m., the band of the King's Own Scottish Borderers, which was in attendance, playing the National Anthem whilst the gathering stood with bared heads.

Sir Cecil was accompanied to the site of the new building by Mr. Tang Siu-ki, Chairman of the Tung Wah Hospital, whilst Lady Clementi was escorted by the Hon. Dr. R. H. Kotewall.

The Site.

The site of the new hospital which is on the hill at the far end of Sookumpoo valley, overlooking the Military football ground, and the grounds of the Indian Recreation Club, was approached by broad wooden steps specially built for the occasion.

To one side of the foundation stone a booth was erected for the accommodation of some of the guests, whilst others had seats in the open on the other side. Accommodation was provided for Sir Cecil and party just in front of the stone.

After the formality of introduction to the members of the Committee, His Excellency proceeded to lay the foundation stone which was inscribed with Chinese characters in gold. Cement was spread underneath the stone which was suspended from the ground by rope from a pulley, and then the stone was slowly lowered into its bed. When the stone had been firmly secured, Sir Cecil said: "I declare this stone well and truly laid," the announcement being greeted with much applause.

Sir Cecil then addressed the gathering in English, the speech being translated into Chinese by Mr. T. N. Chau, J.P., M.A., after which Mr. Tang Siu-ki offered a vote of thanks, also in English. Cheers were then given for Sir Cecil, and a special one for Lady Clementi, after which those present gathered on the steps where a group photograph was taken.

Afterwards tea was served on the lawn below the site, the K.O.S.B. band contributing some fine selections to the while.

H.E.'s Remarks.

Addressing the gathering, His Excellency said:—

The foundation stone of the Tung Wah Hospital was laid on April 9, 1870, by Governor Sir Richard Macdonnell. Fifty-eight years have passed since then and the Tung Wah Hospital is now a household name not only in Hong Kong, but in China and among the Chinese overseas. It is known and respected everywhere for its charitable activities and it has lived up to the full spirit of the words inscribed over its gateway:—"Do good with all your heart!"

Later on, when Kowloon grew in importance, it was realised that a similar hospital was needed there also. The Hong Kong Government granted land for such an institution upon the condition that it should be controlled by the authorities of the Tung Wah Hospital. Funds were subscribed, chiefly in Hong Kong island, the promoters being almost all Hong Kong men, and so the Kwong Wah Hospital came into being. It was opened by Governor Sir Frederick Lugard on October 9, 1911.

Now we find that in Hong Kong island itself the existing buildings of the Tung Wah Hospital do not suffice. Moreover, the City of Victoria covers so great an area that an institution in the west of the town will not serve the needs of the eastern end of the town. Accordingly in 1923, Mr. Tam Woon-tong, then a Director of the Tung Wah Hospital, found a suitable site for an Eastern Branch of the Hospital in Sookumpoo. It is the fine site on which we stand and the Tung Wah Hospital committee was well satisfied with it. Then,

through the good offices of Sir Shou-son Chow and Dr. Kotewall the grant of this site with an area of 156,500 square feet was secured from the Hong Kong Government. The leaders of the Chinese community next set about the collection of the funds necessary for building this new hospital, and such was their energy and success that, notwithstanding the trade depression of recent years, subscriptions amounting to \$365,000 have been promised and of this total a sum of \$255,000 has already been paid up. This fund is not yet large enough to permit of the execution of the full scheme contemplated by the authorities of the Tung Wah Hospital. A further effort will be made to obtain subscriptions; but in the meantime it is proposed to erect without more delay a part of the new hospital with accommodation for about 120 beds. The foundation stone has been laid by me to-day and a contract has already been signed, stipulating that the portion of the building for which funds are available, shall be completed within one year.

Badly Needed. There can be no question that this new institution is badly needed at the Eastern end of Victoria City. The long experience and the high traditions of its parent, the Tung Wah Hospital, are a guarantee of good management. The support and advice of the Hong Kong Government will always be available to the hospital authorities. And its enduring foundation is the goodwill of the whole community of Hong Kong. I wish the venture which begins to-day every success. I trust that before long the full scheme, and not a portion only, will be completed; and I hope that in years to come this youthful institution may rival and even excel the parent institution in its beneficent activities and in its usefulness to Hong Kong.

Mr. Tang. Mr. Tang Siu-ki said:— On behalf of the Directors of the Tung Wah Hospital, I extend our thanks to your Excellency for being present with us to-day to lay the foundation stone of our new Hospital, and to you, ladies and gentlemen, for your presence.

The history of our new Hospital dates back to a few years ago when some public-spirited gentlemen proposed to build a new Charity Hospital in Wanchai. Unfortunately, or rather fortunately, the idea did not prove to be acceptable to both the Government and the Chinese community as a whole on account of the fact that Wanchai had its own free dispensary and the locality was unsuitable.

Realising the need of the public and the demand for more space to take care of the sick in the community, these gentlemen and others then approached the Hon. Dr. R. H. Kotewall; and he with his colleague on the Legislative Council, the late Hon. Mr. Chau Siu-ki, took up the matter with enthusiasm and promptitude in the name of the Tung Wah Hospital whose then Directors found it necessary to establish a bigger and better hospital as a branch of the mother institution. I am sure that we owe our gratitude to Dr. Kotewall and the late Mr. Chau Siu-ki for the realisation of this worthy scheme. But more than to all others, we owe our grateful thanks to the Hon. Mr. E. R. Hallifax who from the very beginning has given us every encouragement, and has helped us in every way possible in our negotiations with the Government for the site and other assistance.

We are also thankful to our other Chinese member of the Legislative Council, Sir Shou-son Chow, who on his return to the Colony from leave, took up the matter with the same keenness and sympathy as was evinced by his colleague.

Early Work. Unfortunately, when the 1925 strike came on, the scheme had to be put aside for reasons obvious to everyone of us; and it was only when conditions were slightly better in 1926 that the then committee of the Tung Wah Hospital under the chairmanship of Mr. Tam Woon-tong resumed the task of securing donations for the purpose. We cannot forget Mr. Tam's days of labour for us.

In 1927 Mr. Li Ho-tung, who was then chairman of the Hospital, headed a special committee formed of the following gentlemen for the purpose of raising funds:—

Messrs. Tam Woon-tung, Li Ho-tung, Leung Pat-yu, Lau Sing-tong, Ng Wah, So Shau-nam, T. N. Chau, Au Lim-chuen, Ng Yee-cham, San Shing-sam, Ng Yee-hon, Li Yuk-mui, H. Sling, Au Kien-u, Doo Jack-man, Ngai Shing-kan, Philip Gock Chin, Louis Car On, Wong Chi-kun, Un Lan-soon, Tsau Pook-hing, Yung Kun-man, Lo Kung-mok, T'so Shuk-hon, Lan Sen-po, Soon Tai and myself.

We are indeed very grateful to Mr. Li and his associates for their vigorous and successful efforts.

We have, up to the present moment, succeeded in acquiring a

CINEMA NOTES.

BIG NAVAL FILM AT THE QUEEN'S.

FINAL SHOWINGS TO-DAY.

The famous British naval film, "The Battles of Coronel and Falkland Islands," is being screened for the last time to-day, produced with full co-operation of Admiralty, this picture presents a magnificent spectacle of naval warfare which should on no account be missed. An additional attraction is provided by a special Pathe gazette, "Our Britain," showing the Empire's fighting forces in action, during which Miss Doris Woods sings "Land of Hope and Glory," the audience joining in the chorus.

To-night will be the last screening of that really excellent picture, "The Battles of Coronel and Falkland Islands," which has filled the Theatre to capacity at every show. The singing of Miss Doris Woods of that great song "Land of Hope and Glory" has added much to the interest. Her splendid voice has been heard to great advantage and has been evidently much appreciated, judging by the enthusiastic applause with which she is greeted.

D. W. GRIFFITH FILM.

"The White Rose" at the World Theatre is a story which has the colourful background of the Southern States of America. Ivor Novello and Mae Marsh are the leading players in this drama of love and human passions. "The White Rose" was directed by D. W. Griffith and ranks with his other famous productions, "Way Down East," "The Birth of a Nation," and "Orphans of the Storm."

BROKEN DAM THRILL.

"Hell Bent For Heaven" at the Star Theatre is a story of the revival of an ancient family feud in the Carolina mountains. The climax of the picture, where the dam is exploded and the flood breaks loose, is extremely well done. Patsy Ruth Miller and John Harron head the capable cast.

"THE ACE OF CADS."

A MICHAEL ARLEN STORY FILMED.

"The Ace of Cads," taken from the story by Michael Arlen, is the title of a new picture starring the popular Adolph Menjou which will be screened at the Queen's Theatre on Tuesday and Wednesday next, according to a special advertisement in this issue. The story, briefly, concerns a young officer of a Guards regiment who loves a beautiful woman and whose affection is returned until he is found in questionable company. Unknown to either, the discovery has been "framed" by a mutual friend of the lovers. The engagement is broken off, and the young officer, later seen in a brawl, is dismissed his regiment. Twenty years have passed and the love of his youth still remains. How these two are brought together and finally reconciled is admirably told and makes the picture one of absorbing interest throughout; the scene where Menjou depicts himself as the betrayer, and his friend the betrayed being an extremely convincing and dramatic piece of acting. In addition to Adolph Menjou, "The Ace of Cads" has a strong cast which includes Alice Joyce, heroine of "Beau Geste," and Norman Trevor, the English actor.

SUPER SHYLOCKS.

VICTIMS OF INSTALMENT PLAN.

New York.—Shylock was a charitable old gentleman compared with the moneylenders who are now being investigated in New York, on the complaints of 500 victims. Some people who bought motor-cars on the instalment plan lost heavily, and one victim told of losing his motor-car when owing only ten shillings of a \$44 loan. Revelations are made of a "strong arm" man who seized cars for defaulted payments without the owners' knowledge. Most of the complaints came from teachers, city employees, and the "white collar brigade." In the State of New York loans made at usurious rates are criminal offences.

sum of \$365,000 which sum is by no means adequate if we were to carry out our full scheme. But my fellow-directors and I are still continuing the efforts to look for contributions for the purpose of completing our whole scheme so as to meet the needs of the poorer members of our community. I am certain that ladies and gentlemen, you will willingly and cheerfully give us your generous support.

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PARROT

LOCAL AND GENERAL SOCIAL AND PERSONAL.

Mr. Eugene Corri, doyen of boxing, is the referee for the big Albert Hall fight in "The Ring," the British film which is being screened at the Queen's Theatre tomorrow and on Monday.

Miss E. P. Jameson (Fin. Hon. Engl. Lang. and Lit., Lady Margaret Hall Oxford) has been appointed head mistress of Norwich High School as from the beginning of the autumn term, 1928.

To-day being Labour Day, (stated the "N.C. Daily News" of the 1st inst.) local workers will observe the occasion, but they have received a warning from the military authorities that they must behave themselves.

Jessie Coats, 31, was sentenced at Leeds Assizes to six months' imprisonment for publishing a defamatory libel on Harry Firth, a reformed ex-convict, who wished to end his association with her, the police describing her as a vile and dangerous woman and a pest.

Mr. Eric H. Louw, Trade Commissioner for South Africa in America, has left New York for Havana to represent South Africa at the International Immigration Conference. His term of office expires this year, but he has been asked by the Union Government to serve another term.

Maltese cab owners have declared a strike in consequence of the repeal of certain restrictions against the use of charabancs, which are serious rivals to the cabs. Strong posses of armed police are to be seen in the places where cabmen usually congregate, but there have been no disturbances.

Harry Murray, 40, a clerk, of Mount Pleasant-road, Walthamstow, until lately employed in the Admiralty Pensions Branch, was remanded in £200 bail at Bow-street, charged with making false entries in Admiralty books, the magistrate saying that the information on which the warrant was granted disclosed offences of a very serious character.

As the condition of Sir Arthur Steel-Maitland, the Minister of Labour, had not improved (says a London paper to hand), Sir Thomas Horder was called in for a consultation with Sir Arthur's own doctor, Dr. Crewdson Thomas. Sir Arthur is suffering from acute influenza. His condition was later stated to be slightly better.

The Eyre Arms Hotel, St. John's Wood, N.W., is to be demolished as a result of the sale of the Eyre Estate. Situated in Finchley-road, it has for 200 years been a landmark on the road to the north and held a licence dating from the reign of George II. It was the stopping place for the old horse omnibuses, its grounds, and tea garden making it a favourite rendezvous.

Sir Herbert Samuelson, chairman of University College Hospital, Gower-street, St. Pancras, has offered £5,000 to the hospital on condition that £25,000 is raised from other sources. By this means it is hoped to wipe out the hospital's debt of £30,000. Sir Herbert, at the meeting of the hospital said that they had received £1,000 from Sir Walter Lawrence, £1,000 from Mr. Robert Fleming, £500 from the Duke of Bedford, and £400 from other sources.

The sale to Dr. Rosenbach, of Philadelphia, of a first edition of Milton's Lycidas at Sotheby's for £1,100 recalls an amazing blunder made by the Academy Selection Committee when in 1905 they rejected Mr. Harvard Thomas's famous sculpture of Lycidas, a noble statue which was generally accepted as one of the triumphs of modern times. It found a home, however, at the New Gallery, where two years later Mr. Conrad Drexler's bust of the Queen of Spain, which had been similarly rejected, was readily accepted.

Sir Alfred Mond, head of the Imperial Chemical Industries and of the Mond Nickel Company, has been awarded the gold medal of the Institution of Mining and Metallurgy "in recognition of his scientific and industrial services in the development of the mineral resources and metallurgical industries of the British Empire." The medal will be presented at the annual meeting of the institution on May 17. Other holders of gold medals of this institution include Sir Thomas Kirke Rose, formerly chief assayer of the Royal Mint, and Sir Robert Kotze, formerly head of the Department of the Union of South Africa.

The name of the China Sun Motion Picture Co., Ltd. has been struck off the register.

Mr. S. M. Edwards, Secretary of the Shanghai Municipal Council, is travelling on the str. "Kashima Maru" on long leave.

Owing to the bandit troubles in the Inshing district, the China Merchant's Inland S. N. Co. has suspended sailings between Wush and that city.

Mr. Chung Kon-chung, of Kennedy-road, purchased for \$7,200 yesterday at Mr. Sousa's auction room No. 59, Laichikok-road. Bidding was brisk. Nos. 61 and 63, Laichikok-road went to Mr. Lung Shui-ching for \$11,800.

A notice by the Official Receiver in Bankruptcy says that Mr. Yau Yuk-chuen, will be heard at 10.30 a.m. on May 19 in the Supreme Court on his application for discharge from bankruptcy. The case concerned is No. 13 of 1927, in connection with the Hep Lee Land Investment Co., Mr. Lok Yung-shing (managing partner) and Mr. Yau Yuk-chuen.

Miss Luella Palkin, a Lancashire girl of 24, is to be given a leading part in a musical comedy, "The Tavern Maid," which will be presented at His Majesty's Theatre, S.W., in the early autumn. Miss Palkin will come to the London musical comedy stage from grand opera. She has sung at La Scala, Milan. About two years ago she successfully deputised for Mme. Tetrazzini at an Albert Hall concert.



Comdr. Newton H. White, who has been appointed executive officer of the U. S. S. Lexington, giant airplane carrier of the Navy Commander White succeeds Commander Elyson, who with two aviators were lost while on a night flight from Norfolk, Va., to Annapolis, Md.

Mr. John Keble Bell the brilliant author, playwright, and journalist, known by the pen name of Keble Howard, died at Bournemouth nursing home from heart failure, at the age of 62. He had been ill for about three months, but until a fortnight ago had been able to work. He was the third son of the late Rev. G. E. Bell, vicar of Henley-in-Arden, and after leaving Worcester College, Oxford, he joined the "Sketch," and in 1902, at the age of 25, was made editor. In 1904 he became Dramatic Critic of "The Daily Mail," remaining in that position until 1908. His many books include "The Smiths of Surbiton" (also dramatised), and his play "Lord Babs," which is now running in London—although he had not seen its metropolitan production.

Another sad chapter has to be added to the story of the pelican colony of St. James's Park, S.W., where the once flourishing quartet has now been reduced to a pair. Peter the Pelican—as was told in his obituary notice in "The Daily Mail" last January—was killed by his too frequent indulgence in strange foods—corks and so forth provided by the public. Now Percy is dead, having had to be destroyed following an injury to a foot. It is believed that the remaining pair are the widows—Mrs. Peter and Mrs. Percy—though the park officials are not certain of the sex of the two mourners. The survivors were sitting gloomily together by the lakeside, with their dark eyes staring into space. They are, however, at least 25 years old, and it is believed that quite soon they too will die. That will be a sad day for the children who visit the park, particularly for the many who fail to see the official feeding of the pelicans about four o'clock every afternoon. So the Office of Works is on the look-out for a kindly person who will present the park with another pair of birds. "Daily Mail."

Lists of persons qualified to practise medicine and surgery and of persons authorised to sign death certificates are published in the "Gazette." The names of eight ladies are included in the former.

Mr. Ferdinand Mayer, Councillor of the American Legation, left Peking last Saturday. He proposes to go first to Washington, via Japan, before proceeding to his new post as Councillor in the American Legation in Canada.

As the only nomination, namely, that of Mr. C. G. S. Mackie, was received, for representation of the Unofficial Justices of the Peace while the Hon. Sir Henry Pollock serves with the Government, the election fixed for Monday at the Supreme Court will not be held.

A correspondent writing to the "N.C.D. News" regarding Shanghai Ladies' Tennis says: With all the facilities at hand and plenty of time to spare, it seems to the writer that the standard of ladies' tennis in Shanghai is exceptionally low as compared with tennis at Home. Why should this be?

During the course of a fire which broke out last Sunday morning in a Chinese house in North Szechuen Road, in Dah Tah Lee Alleyway, Shanghai, five persons jumped from an upper story window, all of them sustaining severe injuries. One woman died as a result of her injuries, the others remaining in St. Luke's Hospital, whence they were removed in the rescue van.

Mr. Lee Cheney, the cartoonist, died at his home at Seaford, Sussex, last month. He had suffered from lung trouble for more than 15 years, for which reason he left London for Sussex. Mr. Cheney was the originator of many popular advertising characters. Only recently he drew cartoons for the London "Evening News" while "Poy," one of his best friends, was on holiday.

Mrs. H. P. King has given a Corona typewriter to the Boy Scouts Association, Shanghai. The Association is deeply grateful for this gift and, if any patron has an old typewriter not required, good use could still be made of another one by one of the organizing secretaries. Communications should be addressed to the Commissioner, Millington's Camp, 230 Hungjao Road.

Two Chinese, carrying 21 lb. of opium, valued at about \$650, were arrested in Shanghai by Inspector Hardy and Sgt.-Detective Laure, with a group of detectives of the 2nd Criminal Division, in Rue Porté du Nord. Another seizure of greater importance was effected by Inspector Marchi, of the 1st Criminal Division, in Rue Petit, where the French police took four cases of opium valued at \$10,000.

Mr. A. Kets, the well-known Flemish artist, has returned to Shanghai after a prolonged tour of Europe, during which he made copies of the masterpieces of Rembrandt, the portrait of King Charles II by Van Dyck, landscapes after Hobema, still-life drawings after Snyder en Fyt, etc. Mr. Kets has done some wonderful work and it would be difficult to find any discrepancies between his works and the originals. He proposes to sell his pictures and to establish a studio at 358 Avenue Joffre.

The Queen recently wiped her shoes on a mat by special request. This incident occurred during a private inspection of the Royal Amateur Art Society's exhibition, which was to be held at 16, Carlton House-terrace, S.W. The mat was one of coloured wool woven by Major Cyril Davenport, and bearing his family crest. Noticing that the Queen was looking with interest at his work, Major Davenport approached and said: "I should be very proud if your Majesty would wipe your shoes on it." The Queen laughed and saying, "Certainly I will!" suited the action to the word.

At an inquest at Bridon on Dorothy Beaumont, aged 7 months, the mother said that the child was taken to the Belgrave Hospital for Children, Clapham, suffering from bronchitis. A few days later the child was scalded in bed through water escaping from a hot-water bottle. The child was later discharged and subsequently died from pneumonia. "The baby was healthy until she went into the hospital," said the mother, and then it gradually faded away and became nothing more than a skeleton. Mr. Cowburn, the coroner, said that the nurse, who put the bottle in the bed, was very careless. The jury returned a verdict of Death from Natural Causes, and found that the scalds did not accelerate death.

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SEND IT HOME!

This week's issue of the "Overland China Mail" contains much of interest for residents who have gone on holiday and for others who have connections with Hong Kong and China generally.

Anxiety was caused by a rumour that British nationals had been instructed to leave the port of Chefoo. The official denial and explanations are in the "Overland."

The war in North China reached a stage at which the Japanese precautionary expedition co-operated with Nationalist troops in maintaining order in the city of Tsinanfu, in Shantung province. The main Japanese force moved inland from the coast, ready to march the last 50 miles if necessary.

Considerable attention in Hong Kong was drawn to the debate in the Legislative Council as the result of a motion tabled by the Hon. Sir Henry Pollock in connection with children's playgrounds in Kowloon and public bathing facilities in the Colony.

The sensational murder of Mr. Lee Hysan, the wealthy Chinese merchant, is fully described.

Furthermore, there are reports of Chief Petty Officer Kelsey's trial at the Sessions, an account of the St. Stephen's College ceremony at Stanley, the appeal by the Rev. J. C. Knight Anstey for a new Sailors' and Soldiers' home, the local and sport news, and the week's China and Japan cables.

WHEN YOU GO ON LEAVE.

Hong Kong's spring exodus has begun. Are you going Home on leave this year? If you are, you will be surprised by the number of persons who will ask you about China and Hong Kong. You will be astonished at the number and type of silly questions put to you in all good faith. And you will have to admit reluctantly (if only to yourself) that you are not quite certain. Will you be believed, though? Keep in touch with Hong Kong and China by having the "Overland China Mail" sent to you for a stipulated period.

By spending a little time while you are on holiday, you can keep yourself well informed if you have the "Overland." The articles which you will seek are written to help non-Chinese to understand. In any case, you will not regret, from your own point of view, being posted with the main developments (reported in brief) while you are away.

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Sport Columns

FOURTH VICTORY.

RUMJAHNS TENNIS DOUBLES CHAMPIONS.

TOURNAMENT CONCLUDED.

For the fourth year in succession, the cousins S. A. and H. D. Rumjahn have won the doubles lawn tennis championship of the Colony. In the final at the Hong Kong Cricket Club tournament yesterday, they defeated the "veteran" H. R. B. Hancock and Dr. R. E. Tottenham. Hancock and his brother, H. C. R. Hancock, were doubles champions years ago.

Last year the Rumjahns won outright the challenge cups presented by the late Mr. Ho Fook. Theirs are the first names inscribed on the new trophies presented by Mr. Ho Kom-tong, O.B.E.

Deciding Factor.

Age, or is it youth, was the deciding factor, in spite of the British pair's experience and their better understanding of the game. The Rumjahns won by three sets to one, the scores being 7-5, 6-4, 4-6, 7-5. How close the game went is evident but there was more than a bare impression that S. A. Rumjahn (singles champion last year and runner-up this year) had a little in reserve.

At first, the older pair tried to smash the youthful opponents off the court. They were beaten for pace and then wisely resorted to an all-round game in which beautiful lobs, unannoying placing and over-certain overhead scoring strokes were judiciously mixed.

Tottenham's Display.

The Rumjahns were inferior, by comparison, in service. They were inclined to overhit and their smashing has been much better. As a pair, in combination, in volleying and sound all-round play, they were the better and therein lay one of the reasons for their success.

Tottenham rose to the occasion grandly—especially at the net—but Hancock, who has been the stronger through the tournament, was off form. H. D. Rumjahn was better than his partner on the day's showing.

Prize Distribution.

While this match was being decided, Lt.-Col. and Mrs. Wyatt had defeated H. Owen Hughes and Mrs. Remington by 6-3, 6-4 in the final of the mixed doubles handicap.

Before calling on his daughter to give away the prizes Mr. Hancock, as President of the Hong Kong Cricket Club, observed that brevity is the soul of wit but even if he wished to detain the gathering, he could not do so as he was still short of breath after that strenuous match.

New Arrangement.

The Club was lucky to have finished the tournament in such good time. The chief reason said Mr. Hancock was the new arrangement by the tennis sub-committee, members of which had done very hard work in arranging dates for each round. After two or three days of rain, the dates had to be fixed all over again, entailing necessary work which had been cheerfully undertaken. The thanks of not only the Hong Kong Cricket Club, but also all competitors, were due to those who had done the work with such care.

Names Mentioned.

Mr. Hancock announced that Mr. Ho Kom-tong, with his well-known generosity, had presented two very fine doubles challenge cups, which were on display. "I am only sorry that I am not to have charge of one of them for a year," added Mr. Hancock amidst laughter.

T. Honda's defeat of last year's holder, S. A. Rumjahn, and Honda's two previous victories, in the open singles, were mentioned by Mr. Hancock. Major Stevenson was welcomed as the new Club champion, who had beaten S. E. Green, who Mr. Hancock described as a veteran with many more years of tennis ahead of him.

Thanks were expressed to Mr. H. A. Nisbet who worked hard as he always does, said Mr. Hancock; Mr. R. E. Lindsell and the other umpires; and the indefatigable secretary, Mr. L. S. Greenhill.

Successful Competitors.

Prizes were presented as follows:—

Open Singles Championship—winner, T. Honda (custody of challenge cup for a year and a smaller cup); runner-up, S. A. Rumjahn. Open Doubles Championship—winners, S. A. Rumjahn and H. D. Rumjahn (custody of challenge cups for a year and a smaller cup each); runners-up, H. R. B. Hancock and Dr. R. E. Tottenham. Club Championship Singles—winner, Major W. B. Stevenson; runner-up, S. E. Green.

(Continued at foot of next Column.)

HOME CRICKET.

GLOUCESTERSHIRE'S BIG WIN.

HOBBS STARTS WELL.

Gloucestershire defeated Worcester by nine wickets. Worcester made 156, Mills taking six for 44, and 194, Parker securing five for 53. Gloucester scored 241 and 121 for one (Dipper 71 not out).

Seven Wickets.

Sussex defeated Leicestershire by seven wickets. Leicestershire made 280 (Dawson 115) and 118.

Sussex scored 270, Snary taking five for 38, and 131 for three.

Surrey and M.C.C.

Surrey and the M.C.C. drew. M.C.C. made 247, Holmes taking six for 70, and 313. Surrey scored 33 (Fender 110) and 179 for three (Hobbs 100 not out).—Router.

1,000 GUINEAS.

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The One Thousand Guineas resulted as follows:—

Scuttle (15-8) 1
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Toboggan (11-2) 3
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King's First Classic.

The King won his first classic race to-day when his filly Scuttle was successful in the One Thousand Guineas race at Newmarket. Scuttle beat Lord Dewar's Jurisdiction by one length, Lord Derby's Toboggan being third.

The King and Prince of Wales were present.

The crowd, with bared heads, loudly cheered His Majesty's victory.

The last horse to win a classic race for a reigning monarch was Minouze which won the Two Thousand Guineas and the Derby in 1909 for the late King Edward.—British Wireless Service.

TENNIS STARTS.

LEAGUE MATCHES FOR TO-DAY.

To-day's opening League fixtures comprise three in the "A" Division, five in the "B" Division and eight in the "C" Division.

The full list of fixtures is as follows, matches to be played on the ground of the first-named Club in each instance:—

"A" Division.

Craigengower v. K.C.C.
C.R.C. v. University.
H.K.C.C. v. I.R.C.

"B" Division.

M.B.K. v. H.K.C.C.
K.C.C. v. I.R.C.
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Y.M.C.A. Team.

The following will represent the Y.M.C.A. in their league match to-day versus R.A.M.C. in "C" Division:—

A. Trambitzky, T. P. Saunderson, E. N. Ponsford, R. H. Murray, Larson and J. C. Faers.

DAVIS CUP.

RUMANIA ELIMINATES BELGIUM.

Bucharest, Yesterday. Rumania eliminated Belgium in the Davis Cup Competition by three matches to nil.—Reuter.

Handicap Singles "A"—winner, Lt.-Col. Wyatt; runner-up, D. S. Green.

Handicap Singles "B"—winner, H. V. Parker; runner-up, T. G. Bennett.

Handicap doubles—winners, W. B. Cornaby and A. Piercy; runners-up, A. D. Humphreys and G. R. Sayer.

Mixed Doubles Handicap—winners, Lt.-Col. and Mrs. Wyatt; runners-up, H. Owen Hughes and Mrs. Remington.

At the close, Mr. Hancock presented his daughter with a bouquet tied in the Club colours.

GRAND NATIONAL.

FULL DESCRIPTION OF THE CLASSIC RACE.

ONLY TWO HORSES FINISH.

Only one horse, and he an unconsidered outsider starting at 100 to 1 against, Mr. H. S. Kenyon's Tipperary Tim, ridden by Mr. Dutton, completed the Grand National course at Aintree, on April 1, in the great race, and so won the greatest steeplechase in the world. Only one other completed the course at all, and that was the American owned Billy Barton, ridden by Cullinan. He was just in front of Tipperary Tim when he pecked on landing over the last fence and unseated his rider. Cullinan was soon back in the saddle and the course was completed. I have no doubt at all that, even if he had stood up, Billy Barton would not have beaten Tipperary Tim, who was much the fresher horse at the time.

There were 42 starters, but at the end of the first round only six were standing up with any chance at all—namely, Billy Barton, De Combat Great Span, May King, Tipperary Tim, and Maguelonne. Later on, Melleray's Belle and Trump Card jumped the water, but they had been in trouble, as had Foxtro, who was a long distance behind them. While the winner and his rider deserve all praise for what they did, the rest can be looked on only as a tragedy. When Shaun Spadah won he was the only horse to complete the course without falling, as, before the War, was Glenside, in whose year only two horses completed the course. Red Nellie finishing second. What happened to some of the other 42 starters recently I do not know, but some of the things which happened I saw for myself and other things are based on inquiries made since the race was over. I do not pretend that the story is complete, for it will take a long time before the whole of the mosaic of falls, refusals, and other pieces of bad luck can be pieced together, if indeed it ever is.

The Race.

I will begin at the beginning. Rain during the night and during the day had made the course very heavy, but it was not actually raining when the race was being run. Paddock inspection of the horses was almost impossible owing to the crowd of visitors, which seemed to me to be even greater than in the years just after the War. The stands were packed, and the great majority of people were taking up places on the top of the stand and never moving until the race was over. The feature of the betting was the support accorded to Master Billie and Trump Card, although I believe that the trainer of the latter considered that the going was not in favour of his horse. The parade showed that Sprig, Bright's Boy, Amberwave, and Maguelonne were the best looking as steeplechasers, and yet only one of them reached the water-jump. Koko and Easter Hero, who have recently been sold for absurd sums of money, compared badly with the horses I have already mentioned. Carfax and Trump Card are fine hunters, as no doubt were many of the others, but, although no doubt I saw him, I do not remember noticing Tipperary Tim.

The starting gate this year was moved out of the course, which move gave ample room to the big field, but Mr. O'Brien never took Amberwave up into the line, intending obviously to take his time behind in the early stages of the race. The tapes were broken twice before the field, headed by Keep Cool and with Amberwave intentionally last, charged down the fairway and out into the country towards the first fence, which all the 42 cleared. The first failure was Scratoff at the second fence, and he was quickly remounted. Keep Cool, The Ace II, Easter Hero, Grakle, and Billy Barton were in front with Amberwave last approaching the fourth fence, which Amberwave refused. Then Sprig, Rathmore, and The Coyote fell. Easter Hero was in front at Becher's, with The Ace II, and Grakle close up. A short distance behind came Maguelonne. The mist prevented the colours from being distinguished. It was, however, obvious that a large part of the field were held up approaching the Canal Turn, but Koko, so I learned afterwards, was not there having fallen into Becher's and very nearly been drowned. The open ditch at the Canal Turn has always been a death-trap, and this time, although no horse was killed, it was a shambles, for more than 20 horses came down there, were knocked over, or so balked that they could not jump. Master Billie, who was behind, had no chance of jumping, and that was the end of the favourites and many others.

The Finish.

When the racecourse was reached only six were left. Three were to come later, but they were

out of the race. I have named the six, the leader of whom are Billy Barton. By the time that the Canal Bridge was reached again only three of those remained—Great Span, Billy Barton, and Tipperary Tim. Great Span fell two fences from the finish, leaving only two in it, Billy Barton and Tipperary Tim, of whom the latter was going much the better. Weariness brought Billy Barton down and Tipperary Tim finished alone, not so much to a storm of cheers as to a multitude of queries, "What is it?" Mr. Dutton rode the winner very well. The winner, who, on all known form, had no chance, had jumped the course before, having finished second in the Molyneux Steeplechase in November. There are no doubt excuses for the result of the race, but excuses at racing do not count. I personally would leave it as it is, but I would dearly love to see the Canal Turn bend and the turn itself altered. Tipperary Tim incidentally is tubed and is the only tubed horse ever to win this race. It is interesting, in connection with the big prices paid for Eastern Hero and Koko, that Tipperary Tim could have been bought for £200 up to the time of the race.—The "Times."

IN THE RING.

THE ROMANCE OF HEENEY.

(By Eugene Corri.)

Always have I insisted that boxing done in this country, particularly in London, will never so capture the public mind as to make it worth the while of any promoter to offer anything in the way of substantial purses. And, as I expected, the confession is now made that Tex Rickard will not put on a fight between Gene Tunney and Tom Heenev on this side.

I think I may claim to know Tex Rickard as well as most Britishers privileged to write about boxing and boxers; and for this reason I never even imagined that, for the purposes of the next bout for the world's title, he would exploit London. At the most the wish could only have been father to the thought. There was certainly little or no likelihood of his being guaranteed against financial loss if he put Tunney and Heenev in our ring.

Heenev's Rise to Fortune.

I would congratulate the New Zealander upon having been now given a definite promise that he will be Tunney's opponent in the summer. The probability is that they will meet in July. Whatever the result, Heenev will not have worry unduly about money for the rest of his days. I should not be in the least surprised if, before the summer is over, he will be able to say that, apart from Tunney and Dempsey, he is the richest fighter. Heenev's sudden accession to wealth is one of the most remarkable happenings in my time.

A year ago he would not have minded having a fight for a £20 note. It is possible that he then doubted whether there would ever be more than a bare living in the game for him. Few boxers, with limitations which it was agreed were most marked, have struck such a gold mine as he has done. Almost from the moment that he landed in the States, it has been roses, losses all the way; and, better still, Heenev holds to his modesty.

We shall not see him in serious action before he returns to New York, but, as twelve months ago, he is to give my good friend, Harry Preston, a hand in making his annual tournament in aid of the Brighton hospital a success. Heenev will appear—probably with two or three opponents, as Jack Dempsey did when he was champion—at Brighton on April 14.

Pat O'Keefe, one of the most popular of Lonsdale belt holders, was very much cut up by the defeat of Lieut. Capper, who, as amateur heavyweight champion, defended his title at the A.B.A. meeting recently. O'Keefe had taken the young Army officer under his wing, and Pat, like many of us, expected that Capper would record his second championship victory. But one O'Driscoll, of the Dublin Civic Guard, upset calculations by winning what was a particularly gruelling final.

Whether his sojourn in India prevented Capper having the practice he could have desired, I do not know, but I regret to say that he did not show he had improved since we saw him a year ago. O'Driscoll is no great champion. I considered Lieut. Courtis, who was held to have lost to him, to be his superior, and there was high merit in the London policeman, O. J. Clifton, who, it may be recalled, beat Eddie Egan, the Rhodes scholar, rightly rated to be the best amateur heavyweight produced by America, his country, at the last Olympic Games.

DO YOU KNOW?

Answers to To-day's Questions.

1. A drop of water is a solid, it has therefore only one surface.
2. Uganda was described by Stanley as the Pearl of Africa.
3. There are nine counties in the Province of Ulster.
4. Three of them—Cavan, Donegal, Monaghan—form part of the Irish Free State.
5. Usedom is an island at the mouth of the river Oder, Germany.
6. The Vems were a sect of vegetarians who lived on Vegetables, Eggs, Milk, the Veds refused to eat any animal product.

Seven New Champions.

No fewer than seven amateur titles changed hands. The day would appear to have gone when we had an outstanding amateur boxer in each of the weights. There has never been such a leveling up in any sport. Which of course, is all to the good. It may be that there are those who will disagree with me, when I say that the general standard of amateur boxing is splendidly high. That fighting for honour and glory was never so popular as to-day will not be denied. I am not going to predict that our amateurs will sweep the boards at the Olympic Games at Amsterdam next July, but I do believe that they will make a particularly good show.

We have in F. Webster, of the St. Pancras club, an exceptionally fine type of boxer; in some respects the best we have had at his poundage for some years. He began a couple of years ago by taking the bantam title. Next he proved to be the best of the feather. Now he reigns supreme among the light-weights. Thus, by winning three different titles three years running, he has established a record.

A Young Ulysses.

Cardiff is to be congratulated upon producing the fly-weight champion—C. Taylor, who was successful in the final against a London boy named Connolly—who had much of the cleverness only more to be expected of a veteran. Taylor surprised everybody—none more than Connolly—by his form in the last bout. He is a great little fellow. The Services have few more accomplished boxers than Private Garland (bantam) a Highlander, since the day of "Dusty" Miller.

Johnny McMillan, the Glasgow youth, made no mistake against Paddy Jones (Liverpool) at the beginning of the week in a 15 rounds affair at the National Sporting Club. The bout was stopped in his favour in the 13th round. As a sequel, the backer Harry Corbett, who took the feather-weight belt from Johnny Cuthbert, is prepared to back him for anything up to £100 against the Scot.—Sports Despatch.

COCHET BEATEN.

BRITISH HARD COURTS CHAMPIONSHIP.

Bournemouth, Yesterday. In the semi-final of the British hard courts championships Spence, the South African, beat the All-England Champion, Cochet, 5-7, 4-6, 6-2, 6-3, 9-7.—Reuter.

CHIEF'S SLIP.

KIDNAPPED THE WRONG PEOPLE: BOOTY RETURNED.

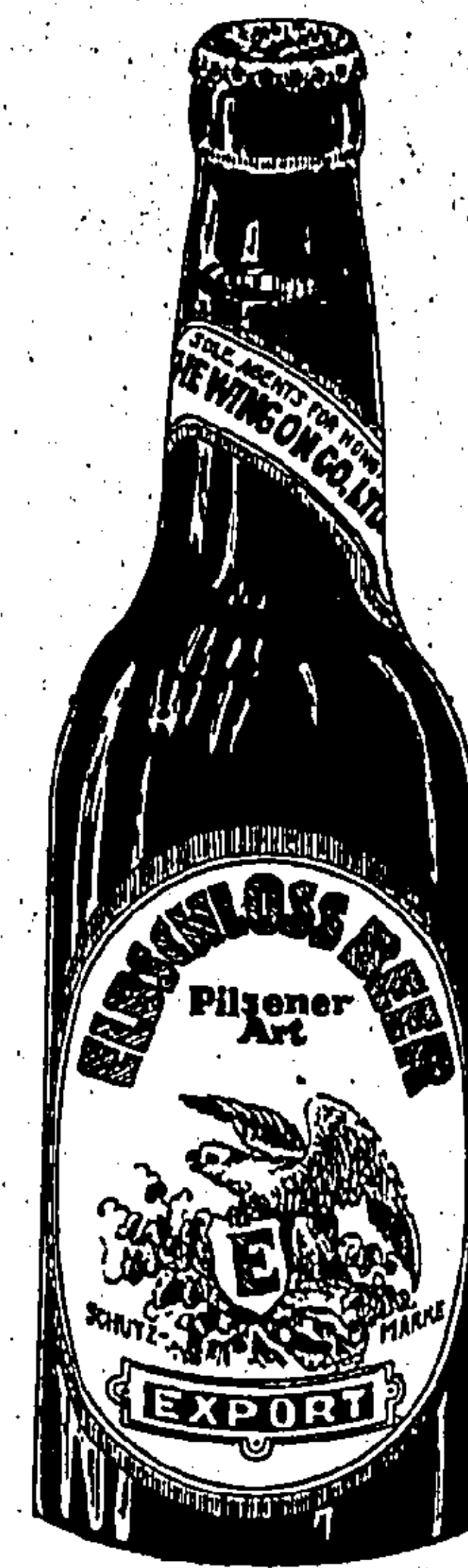
SMOKES ALL ROUND.

Jerusalem. — Picturesque details are to hand of the alleged attempt of an unknown Bedouin to kidnap Jaafar Pasha El Askari (the late Prime Minister of Iraq, who is returning to London as the Iraqi Diplomatic Agent) during his journey across the desert last week from Bagdad to Damascus.

A motor driver relates how seven cars were held up 15 miles from Rutba Wells by a band of 24 Arabs—one report says that the kidnappers consisted of 1,000 Wahabists—who searched the travellers, plundered them, and brought them before their Arab leader.

The latter addressed them variously in English, French, and Turkish, and apologised for the discomforts they had suffered. After placing cigarettes at the disposal of the kidnapped party he inquired particularly as to whether Jaafar Pasha was among them. Four hours later he ordered the plunder to be returned to the travellers and liberated them, merely taking tyres and petrol for his own car.

Four hours after this hold-up Jaafar Pasha El Askari did pass that way, but with an escort of aeroplanes.



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RULES ON CHILDREN'S NAMES.

NO "LENIN" PERMITTED.

Rome, March 26.

Children in Italy who may bear names of Socialist or Communist leaders are to be compulsorily renamed by Government decree. Parents will be called before the registrars of births and ordered to change the names of their children if they should be "Lenin," "Trotsky," "Marx," or anything similar.

During the Communist revolt in Italy after the war, hundreds of sympathisers with the movement gave their children names recalling leading revolutionary figures in Europe.

Now only one revolution is allowed to be commemorated in Italy—that is the Fascist revolution. Anyone may be named "Mussolini" but no one can be called "Engels."

Unsuitable Names Banned.

The pending decree also prohibits the giving of "unsuitable names." Hundreds of little "Lucifers" and even "Satan" were named by atheistical parents in mockery of religion after the war. These names must also go. If in future, parents attempt to have a child registered by a name not permitted by the State, the registrar himself can fix the name. If the parents object they can appeal to the courts.

"Ridiculous" names, such as calling a child by a geographical description, will not be allowed. There can be no equivalent of "Mafeking Smith" in the Italy of Signor Mussolini.

FASCISMO.

PLAIN SPEAKING BY THE POPE.

Rome.—In an address before the Rome Diocesan Board the Pope gravely criticised members of the Catholic Centre Party who during a recent congress here showed strong and open support for the Fascist Party. His words, which have a direct bearing on the recent discussions concerning the solution of the Roman question, are generally interpreted to mean that the Vatican and the Fascist Government are not so near to a satisfactory settlement as was thought in some quarters.

The Pope, in his speech, first complained that members of the Catholic Centre Party, while being received in the Capitol, did not feel it necessary to pay their homage to him. He also complained that he and the Italian Government during the discussion of the Roman question, were "united in single remembrance and single applause." "It would have been more catholic and more human," he remarked, "to spare us both the remembrance and the applause."

Education.

While he admitted that Fascism had done a great deal for the Catholic Church, the Pope felt that it still left many reasons for complaint, and he mentioned specifically "the monopoly of the education of youth," which, he claimed, was a patent reference to the suppression of the Catholic Boy Scout movement. His Holiness said that this silence about complaints that the

EXCHANGE.

TO-DAY'S QUOTATIONS.

On London—	
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Bank, on demand	2/- 7/16
Bank 30 day's sight	—
Bank, 4 months' sight	2/-
Credit, 4 months'	2/1 3/4
Documentary 4 months'	2/1 1/2
On Paris—	
On demand	1282 1/2
Credit, 4 months'	1837 1/2
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On demand	—
On New York—	
On demand	49 3/4
Credit, 60 days' sight	51 1/4
On Bombay—	
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On Calcutta—	
Wire	135 1/4
On demand	135 1/4
On Singapore—	
On demand	88
On Manila—	
On demand	99 1/4
On Shanghai—	
On demand	77 1/4
30 day's sight (private paper)	—
On Yokohama—	
On demand	104 1/4
Gold Leaf, 100 fine	—
(per tael)	—
Sovereigns (Bank's buying rate)	9.50
Silver (per oz.)	26 15/16
Bar Silver in Hong Kong	2% Prem.
Chinese Copper Cash nom.	—
Chinese Copper Cents 6% prem.	—
Rate of Native Interest	7% p.a.
Chinese Sub. Coin	30 1/4% dis.
Hong Kong Sub. Coin Par.	—

LONDON EXCHANGES.

London, Yesterday.	
Paris	124
New York	4.88 1/16
Brussels	34.94
Geneva	25.34
Amsterdam	12.10
Milan	92.65
Berlin	20.40
Stockholm	18.185
Copenhagen	18.20
Oslo	18.225
Vienna	34.675
Prague	164 1/4
Helsingfors	198 1/4
Madrid	29.315
Lisbon	85
Athens	872 1/4
Bucharest	785
Rio	5 59/64
Buenos Aires	47 13/16
Bombay	1/6
Shanghai	2/7 1/2
Hong Kong	2/0 1/4
Yokohama	1/11 13/16
Silver Spot	26 15/16
Silver Forward	28 18/16

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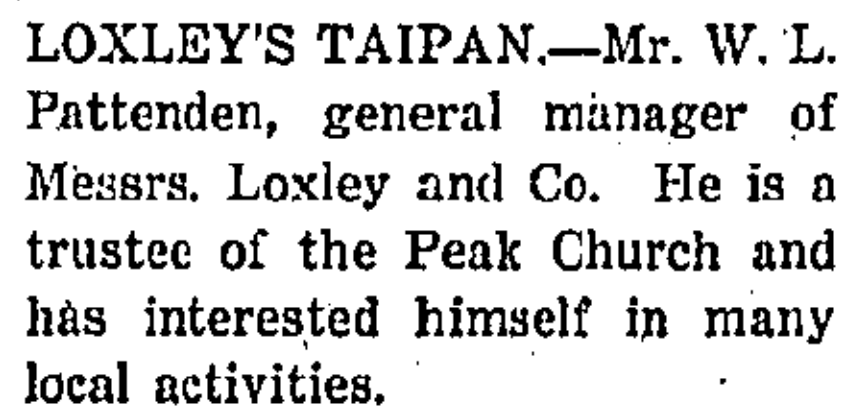
MR. KOO YING-FAN.—A former Minister of Finance at Canton who was in Hong Kong a few days ago.



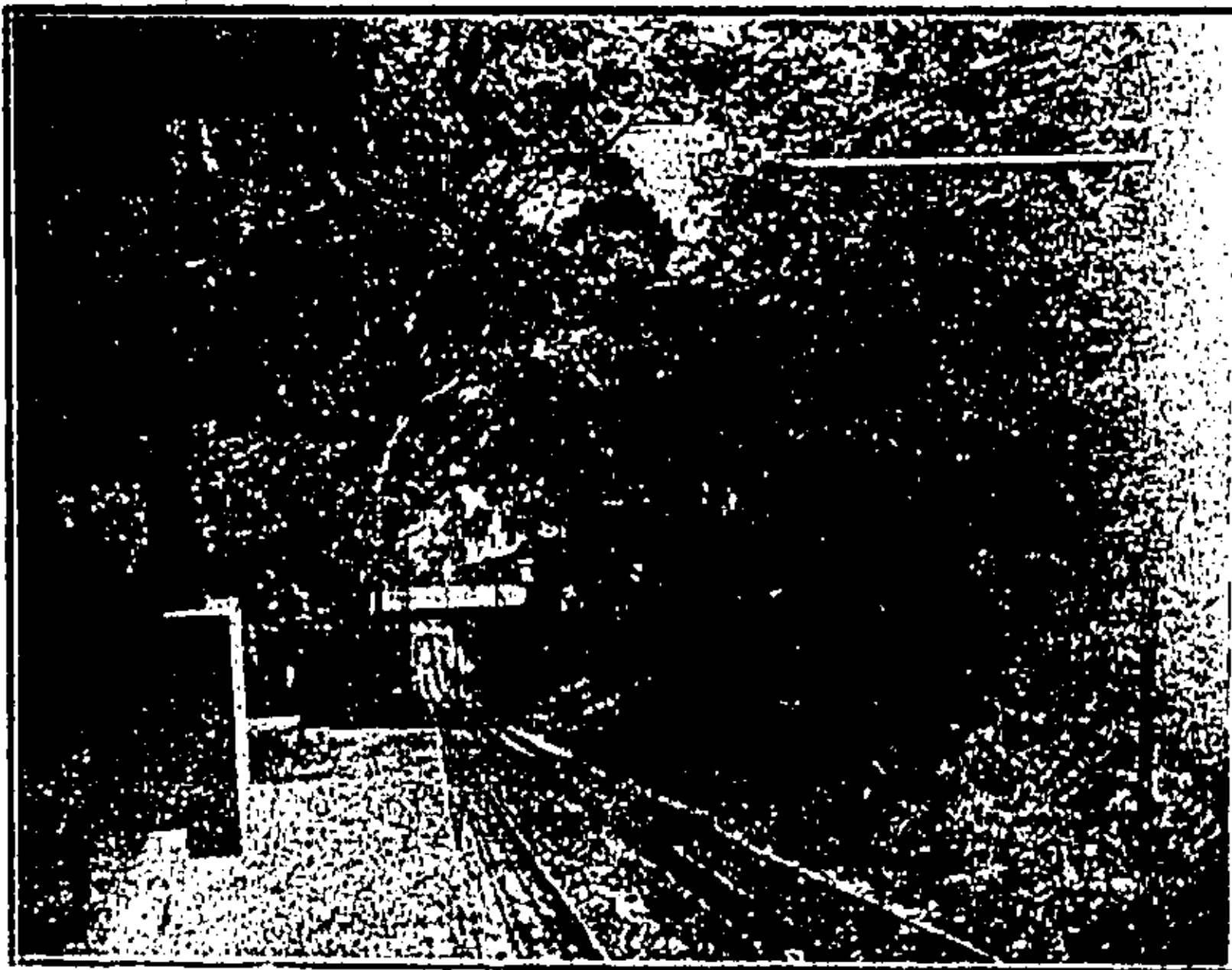
FAR EASTERN DEBATER.—Whenever questions affecting China or the Far East generally crop up in the House of Commons, Mr. F. G. Penny, Conservative member for Kingston-upon-Thames, may be relied upon to say a few words. He is considered the handsomest man in the House and was connected with Fraser and Co., the well-known Singapore brokers, for many years. His name appears almost every week in the cables from Home.



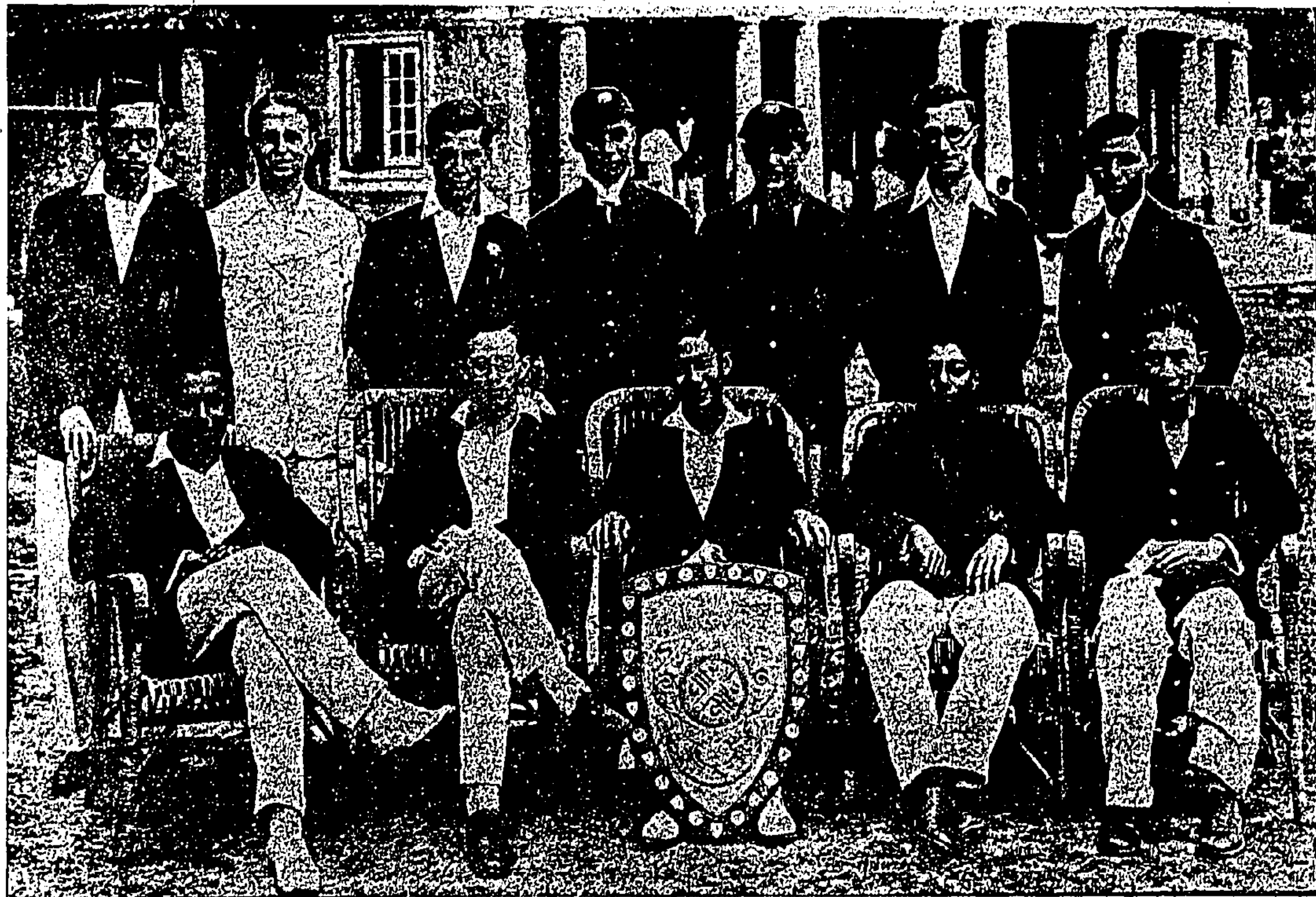
THE BISHOP'S PALACE.—The residence of His Lordship the Bishop of Victoria can be seen in the background.



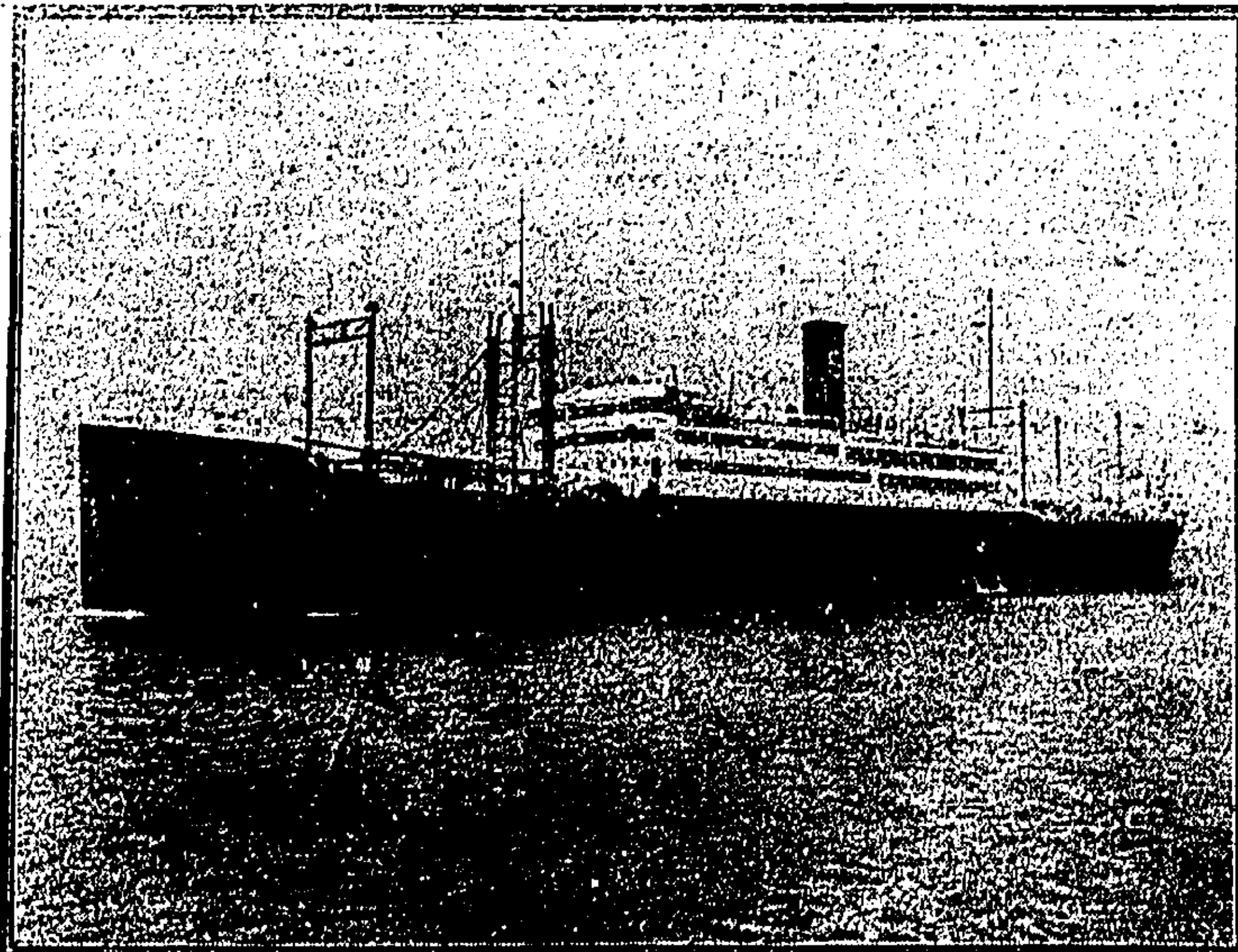
CHINA'S SOLDIER OF THE HOUR.—Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek, commander-in-chief of the Nationalist Armies, now at the head of his troops on the march to the North. He is shown in the photo in the conventional Chinese long gown which is losing favour among officials of the new class.



LOOKING DOWN.—Peak Tram from Bowèn-road.



UNIVERSITY 1ST XI.—Winners of the Hong Kong Cricket League senior division—Season 1927/1928. Standing:—E. A. Lee, J. Barrow, A. T. Lee, A. P. Guterres, F. I. Zimmern, D. Laing, C. L. Tan. Sitting:—D. K. Samy, S. V. Gittins, C. W. Lam (Capt.), A. A. Rumjahn, W. H. Sling.



UNIVERSITY 2ND XI.—Winners of the Hong Kong Cricket League junior division—Season 1927/1928. Standing:—G. E. Yeoh, K. T. Loke, W. M. Gittins, A. B. Suleiman, S. R. Kermani, A. Chan Fook, N. P. Karanjia, F. S. Chen. Sitting:—M. B. Osman, A. Bekar, E. H. Westcott, C. J. H. Hooper, D. L. Smith.

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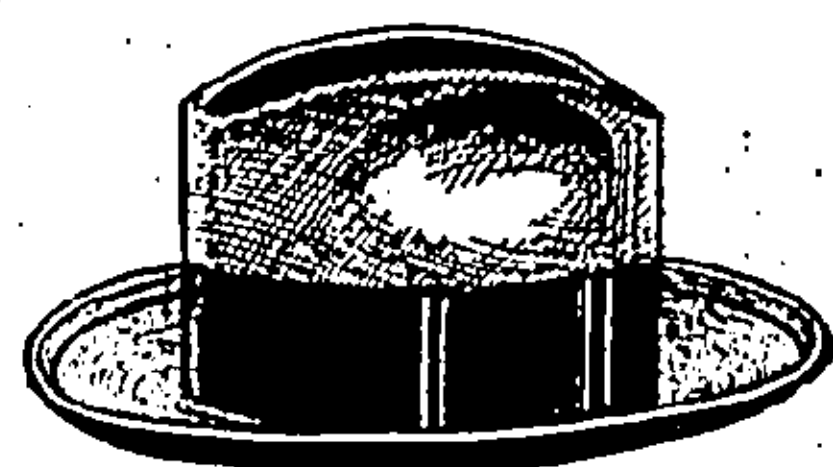
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ton.)

An extremely clever book. Con-
cerns the adventures of Folly
March, Feu Follet—Will O' The
Wisp, as she had once been called.
In her little shoes with the scarlet
heels she dances her way to the
reader's heart from the very be-
ginning. Child of a new age, fill-
ed with self confidence and harm-
less mischief, with her artificial
black curls pinned over her ears,
she could sit as demurely as any
Victorian at the piano and play
hymn tunes for David.
And through it all runs a path-
etic vein, for there is little Erica
Moore, David's young wife who had
been drowned, and whose ghost
comes to him out of that almost
forgotten past to stir up old
memories and cause a lot of an-
xiety. It is, perhaps, this contrast
which makes the book so success-
ful. It should prove a great
favourite.

—S. C.

SOUTH SEAS.

"The Devil's Mantle." By Frank
L. Packard. (Hodder &
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A stirring adventure tale of a
man unjustly accused of the murder
of his partner. The plot is laid
in the South Seas and through the
book runs a breath of the heavy
scent-laden air, of the Tropics.
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through the palm trees, and the
waves rolling up on to the beach.
With his wonderful descriptions
the author has brought it all so
near. The story is full of action,
and makes very good reading.

—S. C.

AN INDIAN STATE.

The Murrays are publishing an
account by Mr. Philip W. Sergeant
of the life and work of the
Maharaja Gaekwar of Baroda.
During the present century Baroda
and its ruler have found consider-
able prominence in the public eye,
"not always of a favourable nature,"
as is remarked. It is felt that an
authoritative account might now be
given of the development of Baroda
under the present Maharaja, and
within that text come many impor-
tant questions of present-day Indian
politics. Mr. Sergeant made a long
stay in the State, and every door
for the study of its affairs, its re-
sources, and the condition of its
people, was thrown open to him.

We are informed by Messrs.
Hodder and Stoughton that Mr.
Philip Guedalla is at work on his
new "Life of the Duke of Wellin-
gton." The mass of material to be
handled is perhaps still more
voluminous than that which con-
fronted him in the case of Lord
Palmerston, especially since the
present Duke has placed at his
disposal the vast body of un-
published correspondence still
preserved at Apsley House. He
finds, as usual, that uninterrupted
work on a task of this magnitude
is almost impossible, and is seek-
ing recreation in a few biographi-
cal studies of some feminine fig-
ures of the nineteenth century,
whose husbands have hitherto
received more attention than the
ladies themselves. These will in-
clude Mary Anne Disraeli, Emily
Palmerston, Emily Tennison,
Catherine Gladstone, Jane Carlyle,
and Mary Arnold.

Mr. Guedalla hopes to have this
book which he calls "Bonnet and
Shawl: An Album," ready for
publication in the course of 1928.

"Bevilardment Among Women,"
a novel which Mr. Ward Muir left
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FAMILY SECRETS.

It was like magic!
The words were barely out of
my mouth; indeed, I was hardly
inside the room when the Wode-
house world collapsed, its entire
structure irreparably crimped.

I had entered the room quietly,
unostentatiously, not dreaming
that within a few seconds I
should, through one simple ob-
servation, become the most popu-
lar man in London. I had, in fact,
merely remarked to Mr. P. G.
Wodehouse, who rose easily from
his chair to receive me:—

"You've got much thinner"
when, well, it was obvious
I could have had his entire library
simply by asking for it!
He beamed through his glasses
a warm, kindly brotherly smile,
and for some hours afterwards
answered my slightest question
and treated me generally as a
pupil.

Despite the fact that P. G.
Wodehouse is a fine, well-built
figure, for some years now he has
become curious to discover the
exact location of his waistline.
Having made fast friends with
him by thus congratulating him
on the progress of his search, I
started a terrific inquiry of the
origins, nature, and possible
existence of such well-known
people as Jeeves, Mulliner, and the
glorious, jolly Bill the Conqueror.
"None of my characters exists
in real life; in fact, I have never
attempted to draw a character
from life," he said.

I was staggered. "Do you
mean that there is no such per-
son as Jeeves?"
He smiled patiently, almost re-
signedly. "No, of course, there's
no such person so far as I know.
I heard from someone about a
curious fellow and, you know, I
got one idea and then along came
another, and eventually Jeeves
vaulted lightly over the horizon."

Troublesome Jeeves.
"P. G." removed the nice, slow-
ly-smoking pipe and, half smiling
and half serious, addressed him-
self to the study of Jeeves, possi-
bly the most convincing of his
creations, now known as well to
Americans as to English people.
"Jeeves is quite the most trou-
blesome of my family of charac-
ters. You see, Jeeves, whose duty
it is to uphold the finest traditions
of English valets, cannot be ex-
pected to do anything unsuited to
his fine dignity, nor, in his capa-
city of counsellor, can he be asked
to solve those problems of life
which are unworthy of his very
exceptional gifts."

And I thought of Jeeves set-
ting his great brain to the re-
trieving of a lost sock or a stud
gone astray. Pah!

Then Mr. Wodehouse, who for
12 years has owned a house on
Long Island, New York's "million-
aires' suburb," told me of his very
early days, with precisely the
same dry humour that has made
his books, his short stories and
his plays so much liked, and has
enabled him to compile a very con-
siderable fortune.

"In my first year as a writer on
a London evening paper," he said,
"what with one thing and an-
other, I made altogether about
£200. Then I got into my stride
and made steady progress, earn-
ing another £200 the second year.
The following year I got really
going and made probably £400 and
eventually reached £700 in one
year."

"About that time I thought it
would be a good idea to go to
America for my holidays. I went,
and I sold a story for an astonish-
ing price after I had been there a
few days. I promptly wrote to
my paper saying how well I was
doing in New York and how long
I proposed to stay there."

UNHAPPY LOVE.

MR. DREISER'S GLOOMY
TALES.

"Chains." By Theodore Dreiser.
(Constable, 7s. 6d.)

This volume consists of fifteen
of Mr. Dreiser's earlier stories—
bleak, realist studies of chunks of
American life. They are written
in a style as lacking in grace,
humour, and conclusion as that of
"An American Tragedy," and in
the shortest of them the weight of
detail is oppressive. For all that,
every one of his tales is interest-
ing.

They deal for the most part with
unhappy love affairs. Unhappi-
ness in love, it seems from these
pages, is a more potent cause of
disturbance and misery in the
United States than in any other
land.

We are shown a succession of
wrecked homes and ruined lives, or
at the best propped up by conven-
tion. Rich and poor, intelligent
and simple, Mr. Dreiser shrouds
his characters in gloom, brings
them through suffering to a dead-
lock, and then leaves them.
But his regard for truth and his
mountains of facts are curiously
impressive. His themes are
dreary and limited, but he is not
dull.

At this point we — inquisitor
and inquisited—were invited up-
stairs to tea, and there I was ably
assisted by Miss Leonora Wode-
house, his youthful daughter, who
herself is starting on a writing
career very shortly.

She told me some quaint stories
about "Plummy," as she calls her
father. "He loves being uncom-
fortable," she commented as
though her affectionate victim
were not seated a few feet from
her beaming happily through his
glasses. And she told of his af-
fection for writing in attics and in
such uncomfortable places as
woodhouses, where the logs are
kept for the winter fires.

"But the crowning example of
his love of discomfortableness,"
she said, "occurred some years
ago when he and Mummy had re-
turned from America."

"Everybody else was comfort-
ably seated in the train at Ports-
mouth shortly after the ship had
docked when, at the very last
minute, Plummy announced that
he would not come up to London
on the train and he didn't.
Mother came to London and went
to an hotel for the night with
all the baggage and the things."

"Late on the following morn-
ing he arrived at the hotel, look-
ing just a little weary. 'I'm aw-
fully sorry, my dear,' he said to
Mother, 'but I was so tired I fell
off when I got to Knightsbridge
and stayed the night at an hotel
there. The Royal Suite was the
only part of the hotel unoccupied,
so I stayed in that.'"

"You say you fell off?" Mother
asked puzzled.

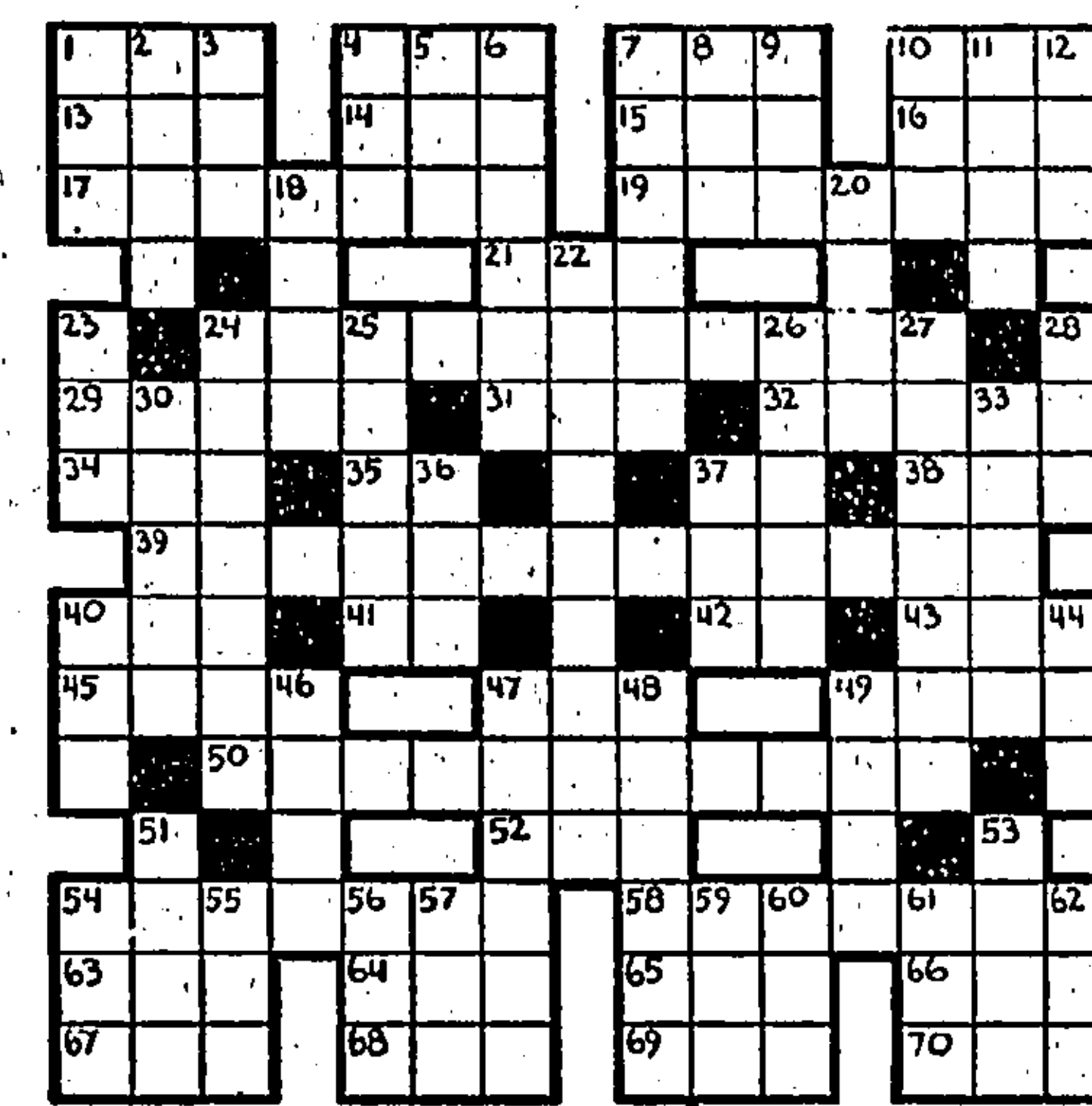
"Yes, dear," went on Mr. Wode-
house, "the idea struck me in
Portsmouth to cycle up to Lon-
don. I wanted to challenge the
passing years. So I bought a
second-hand bicycle cheap, for £12
12s., and tried to cycle the 77½
miles, but the last half beat me.
I was so tired I fell off. The
bicycle's outside."

"Actually, it wasn't, for when
they went downstairs they found
the bicycle had been stolen."
Miss Wodehouse seemed to
take an implicit delight in betray-
ing her obviously long-suffering
and patient parent, who—presum-
ably in a wall of delighted despair
—has dedicated one of his funny
novels, "To my daughter, with-
out whose aid and fine health I
should have finished this book
six months ago!"

Among the things that this
quiet writer of funny stories most
enjoys is writing a perfectly seri-
ous account of a Rugger game at
his old school, Dulwich College, in
the school magazine.—P. M. in
"Evening News."

DAILY CROSS-WORD PUZZLE.

(This cross-word puzzle has been made by an expert
but our readers are warned to look out for occasional
phonetic spellings, such as harbor, plow, and altho.)



THE INTERNATIONAL SYNDICATE.

HORIZONTAL

- 1-Object
- 4-Thigh of an animal
- 7-S. State (abbr.)
- 10-Favorite
- 13-Old French coin
- 14-A river in W. Siberia
- 15-On account of
- 16-Friend (French)
- 17-One of the Fates, called the "Inflexible"
- 19-Pertaining to the earliest epoch of the Cenozoic period
- 21-A town, Eliege province, Belgium
- 24-Pertaining to the head of a family
- 29-Not in use
- 31-Doctor of Sacred theology (abbr.)
- 32-Sun-dried brick
- 34-Determined
- 35-No (Prov. Eng.)
- 37-Near
- 38-Enemy
- 39-Travel
- 40-Combining form. Wood
- 41-Tellurium (symbol)
- 42-Prefix. Two
- 43-A river in W. England and N. Wales
- 45-An island
- 47-twice

HORIZONTAL (Cont.)

- 49-Came from action
- 50-A mountain range that runs through the middle Atlantic states
- 52-One (Spanish)
- 54-A famous president of U. S.
- 58-Pertaining to a hilly region of N. Morocco
- 63-A diminutive suffix
- 64-Speak
- 65-I have (contr.)
- 66-Exit
- 67-A golf term
- 68-Printer's measure (pl.)
- 69-Yes
- 70-In no manner

VERTICAL

- 1-Man's name
- 3-The least quantity
- 3-A tributary of the Drave river, Austria-Hungary
- 4-A plant used for making beer
- 5-A seaport, S. W. Finland
- 6-Mrs.
- 7-Affraid (colloq.)
- 8-Card game
- 9-Part of a circle
- 10-Kitchen utensil
- 11-A Mohammedan shrine
- 12-Synastmole
- 13-switching of mutes

VERTICAL (Cont.)

- 18-A Persian poet
- 20-Interjection
- 22-A nobleman of old Rome
- 23-A doll
- 24-The knee-cap
- 25-A doctrine
- 28-An island of the W. Indies
- 27-An island group off N. W. Norway
- 28-Insect
- 30-A famous diarist of the court of Charles II of England
- 33-A pair of clappers, used by minstrels
- 35-Time-period
- 37-Disagreeable
- 40-Positive pronoun
- 41-The Greek long E
- 42-A heroic poem
- 47-Dulla
- 48-Fragrant lava
- 49-Rabbit
- 51-A measure of length
- 53-A gambling game
- 54-Plot of ground
- 55-Born (French)
- 56-A poem
- 57-Large English city
- 59-A climbing plant
- 60-Reward
- 61-Suffix. Pertaining to
- 62-A snare

(The solution of the above cross-word puzzle will appear in Monday's issue along with a new cross-word puzzle.)

CHURCH NOTICE.

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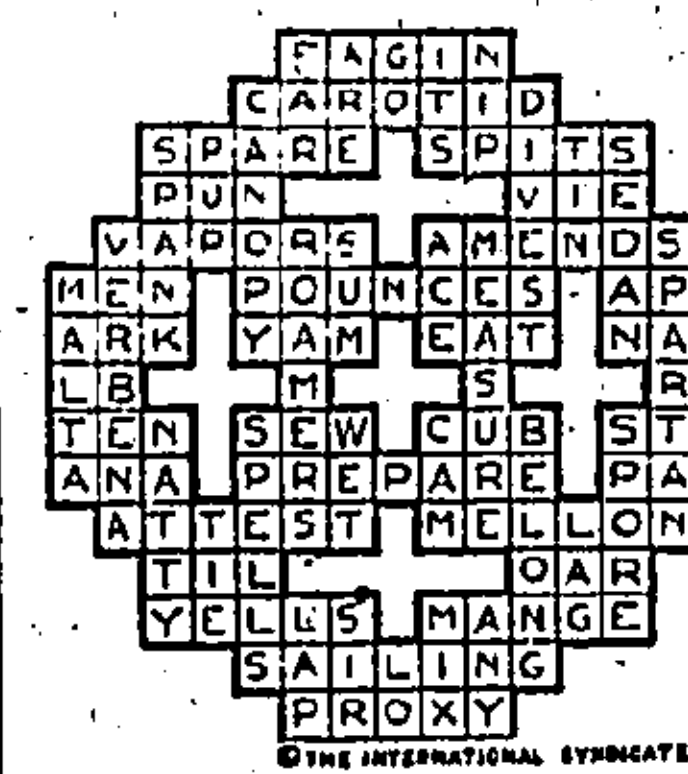
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King's Accession Day.
8 a.m.—Holy Communion.
10 a.m.—Sunday School at Peak School.
10.15 a.m.—Children's Service.
11 a.m.—Matins and Sermon.
Preacher: Rev. H. V. Koop.
12 p.m.—Holy Communion.
6 p.m.—Evensong and Sermon.
Preacher: The Dean.

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Sunday, May 6th.

Fourth Sunday after Easter.
Ninth Annual Children's Festival.
8.15 a.m. and 12 noon: Holy Com-
munion.
11 a.m.: Morning Prayer and Ser-
mon.
Preacher: The Vicar.
6 p.m.: Evening Prayer and Ser-
mon.
Preacher: The Rev. H. V. Koop.
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YESTERDAY'S SOLUTION.



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tist, in Boston, Mass., U.S.A.]

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Subject—"Adam & Fallen Man."
Wednesday Evening Meeting at
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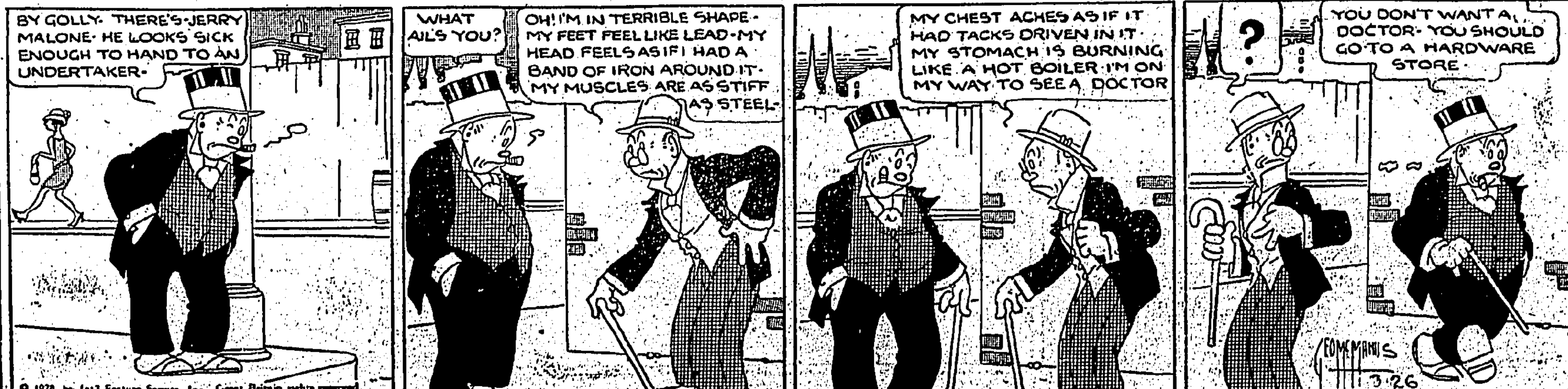
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JEWEL DEALER.

A PARIS CRIME RE-ENACTED.

CURIOUS TURF CASE.

Paris.—For the second time there has been a reconstitution of the murder of Gaston Truphème, the jewel dealer whose body, half burnt, was discovered in the forest of Armainvilliers. It was desired to ascertain whether the crime had been committed by one man or two, whether it was possible for the murderer to have carried the body from the fifth floor of the house in the Rue Saint Augustin, where he had his office, to his car in the street, or had placed the package in the lift. The drama was re-enacted to clear up these points.

Several thousand people assembled in front of the house, and hostile cries were raised as soon as the murderer, Mestorino, was seen. A sack filled with sawdust represented the weight of the murdered man. Mestorino related with extraordinary calmness the story of the crime. He imitated the blow under the chin which caused Truphème to fall to the floor, and the moment the man acting Truphème pretended to recover consciousness and make an attempt to rise, Mestorino bounded upon him with a "triboulet," a steel instrument for measuring rings, and struck him on the head. It was this blow which fractured Truphème's skull.

The police had not accepted this version. They were of opinion that Truphème was struck from behind while he was sitting in an armchair. A painful incident now occurred. Mlle. Charmaux, the murderer's sister-in-law, had declared that on entering Mestorino's office she saw him strike Truphème. She stated that she saw the body wrapped in sackings when Mestorino was preparing to carry it downstairs. He had no difficulty in showing that he had required no assistance in moving the body. He handled the sack of sawdust as though it was a light thing.

An Ingenious Swindle.

One of the biggest long-firm frauds of recent times has been brought to light by the first brigade of the Mobile Police at Argenteuil, where a band of seven swindlers is said to have had its headquarters. Four men alleged to have been members of the gang are under arrest, but three others, including the chief of the organisation, are believed to have fled into Belgium.

The attention of the police was first attracted to the operations of the group last October, when a tradesman newly established at Argenteuil was found to be selling all kinds of goods, ranging from ready-made clothing to bicycles and typewriters, at prices which seemed much too low to be honest. Naturally, he had an immense turnover.

But the goods had been bought on three months' credit, and when the bills fell due the merchant disappeared, to be replaced by a successor, who claimed that he had honestly purchased the business, and would have nothing to do with his predecessor's debts. This method seems to have been followed in several other places. When things became too hot for the man who had ordered the goods and disposed of them at any price without paying for them, he handed over his affairs to a successor.

The police found traces of the same gang at Caen, and soon established that they had to deal with a cleverly-conducted organisation. They received no fewer than 300 complaints from wholesale merchants, who, it is alleged, have been swindled to the extent of 3,000,000fr.

Racing Stable Dilemma.

An action of considerable interest to followers of the French Turf has just been settled by a judge in chambers, who has ordered the sale by auction of twenty-one racehorses belonging to the well-known stable of M. Marc Guggenheim. These animals include Rose de Noël, Menetrier, Enoch, Goudar, Farewell, Satanas, and Bebe Jaune.

An application for the appointment of a trustee was brought by a number of Guggenheim's creditors, who asked that the horses might be sold immediately. These creditors included the trainer, Rousseau, who had entered a claim for 250,000fr. Other creditors, however, asked that the sale of the horses should be postponed, as several of them were entered in races which they had a good chance of winning, and it was argued that, if they were allowed to run and happened to win then the creditors would benefit considerably by the increase in their value.

The trainer, however, declared that he was not prepared to feed the animals any longer without payment, and unless they could be sold at once then some provision must be made for their upkeep. The judge, after hearing the arguments of both parties of creditors and representatives of the French Steeplechase Society and the Société d'Encouragement, which corresponds to the English Jockey Club, made an order appointing a

ANTS' SECRET.

HOW THEY GET CONSTANT WATER SUPPLY.

S. A. SCIENTIST.

Johannesburg, March 27. Where do ants get their water during drought? Dr. Livingstone thought that they must have discovered a way of manufacturing water synthetically. A South African scientist, Mr. E. N. Marais, has hit upon the real solution.

It is common knowledge in South Africa that, even after a three years' drought, when there is not a blade of green grass in sight, a white ant's nest is always saturated with heated water vapour. Accident helped Mr. Marais to find out the secret.

During the digging of a well on a Transvaal farm, Mr. Marais and others came upon a 2½-inch shaft running down into the earth. Careful digging proved that the shaft ran from a neighbouring ant's nest to a depth of more than 65 feet below the earth's surface, where water was available. Up and down the shaft passed an endless procession of white ants, conveying water to the nest and the miniature gardens of fungus which form their food supply.

Work Never Stopped.

By marking individual ants with dots of aniline dye, it was ascertained that they never stopped work, but went on day and night. It took about half an hour for each ant to travel down the shaft, draw his load of water, and return to the nest. During the night-time however, the streams of water-carriers grew thicker. Seemingly toilers employed on other work during the day were concentrated on the irrigation shaft at night. The incessant trumpeting of the hurrying ants was at this time clearly audible.

Mr. Marais also noticed that, though the irrigation shaft zigzagged east and west, there were no bends north and south. Possibly, he thinks, the ants are affected by the earth's magnetic lines of force, as are certain Australian ants. Of the two plays in which the Czech authors, the Kapke brothers, had a share, which were produced in London some years ago almost simultaneously, one, "R.U.R.," presented by the Readean management, is better remembered because it added the word "Robot" to our language. But the other, staged by Mr. Nigel Playfair, and known over here as "The Insect Play," had a remarkable scene, in which ants were shown working with military precision and automatic timelessness in answer to the hammer-strokes of a foreman. There was no pause, no change, no rest; the tell was as insistent as the noise. It is this picture of insect labour, endless, unwearied, mechanical, which is recalled by the true story given above.

trustee to dispose of the horses immediately by auction.

Savorelli's Adventures. So far police have not discovered the murderer of Angelo Savorelli, said to have been the victim of a political crime because he had renounced his Anarchist faith.

A strange and intensely dramatic career was that of Savorelli, which is narrated at length to-day. A fervent partisan of the entry of Italy into the war, he fought for her cause, but was later prosecuted by those who had disapproved of his action. Tried on a murder charge, he was acquitted.

He came to France and obtained employment in a hospital at Nancy, but continued to meet Italian anarchists, and was expelled. At the time of the Catalonian conspiracy, he went to Bordeaux. Five Italians were arrested there. The papers of one of these men were not in order, and he was brought to Paris. The man was Savorelli. He had been told Garibaldi had been guilty of treason in the Catalonian plot, and, disgusted and exasperated, he told all he knew about this affair—the organisation of the conspiracy in an Italian cafe near the Place de la Nation, and the manufacture of bombs by Italians in Paris.

Savorelli was released. As he had no work the lawyer who had defended him at his trial for murder gave him employment on a paper that had been started, but he was looked upon as a traitor and was menaced. Then Savorelli did a bold thing. He had had enough of revolutionary agitation, and he sought the pardon of his Government. It was granted, and he made arrangements to return to Italy and rejoin his wife, who was about to become a mother. He was to have started after taking a last meal with his friend Serrachiollo. He was tracked and murdered on that day. His wife, who is a schoolmistress in Pizzaro, has claimed his body, and it will be sent to Italy.

Four mountaineers and numerous cattle have perished in the Daghistan mountains in the Caucasus during an avalanche. The roads are covered with snow, and many villages are isolated.

LONDON POOR.

VIEWS OF COLOURED SPEAKER.

MR. CHUNCHI OF MALAY.

London, March 24. "The general impression which the man in the street has of a Christian is a person with a Bible under his arm, a hymn book in one hand, a glass of milk in the other and a bun in his mouth," said Mr. Kamel A. Chunchi, a coloured speaker, at a meeting in connection with the evangelist mission being held at the Mission Halls of the Muswell Hill Wesleyan Church at Pembroke-road and Sydney-road. Mr. Chunchi comes from an ancient Malay family and his father is one of the leading Mohammedans in Ceylon. As a lad Mr. Chunchi went to a mission school, entered the Ceylon Civil Service and later became an Inspector of Police. He volunteered for active service in 1914, went to France with the Middlesex Regiment and became a Christian in the trenches, in the face of fierce opposition from his family.

Mr. Chunchi has done a great deal of work among the poor of the East-end and he said on Wednesday night that he had shown many people in Limehouse and Poplar that Christians were not the milk-sops some people imagined. He had made wife-beaters and drunkards good Christians by giving them a good thump under the jaw.

The speaker told some of his experiences as an East-end missionary. He intended to visit a man of colour in an East-end street one day, he said, but he knocked at the wrong house. A young woman came to the door, followed by a little child obviously in need of food. Mr. Chunchi went down the road and returned with a loaf and a tin of sardines so that they could eat. He spoke kindly to the woman and as he was engaged in conversation a big burly navvy came hurrying along the road shouting about a dirty nigger speaking to his wife. Immediately the woman became terrified and the child ran screaming into the kitchen and hid under a table. "Drunken Harry" (as the husband was called) lunged at me," said Mr. Chunchi, "but by the grace of God I gave him one under the jaw. He came at me again and I gave him another. Then a Voice came to me, saying, 'Let us reason together.' So I said to the man, 'Let us reason together, my friend' (Laughter). 'Yes, it may make you laugh,' said Mr. Chunchi, 'but I can assure you it was not funny at the time.'

Proceeding, he said: "I went into the kitchen with him and proffered him my cigarette case. We talked and I asked the wife to tell her husband how the child had complained of hunger. When she had finished the story the little girl crept up to her father and said 'Yes, Daddy,' to confirm her mother's story. The man sat and wept like a child." The speaker went on to say that the husband had attended the mission meetings regularly and had become a good man. After a time he addressed a large crowd near his home on what Jesus Christ had done for him.

Mr. Chunchi does not mind in the least if rowdy youths who have just a little too much to drink and who are "out for a row" try to upset his meetings. "For," he said, "if they want trouble I can let them have it." As a commissioner in the police he had to learn boxing, wrestling and ju jitsu and he had not forgotten it. Mr. Chunchi also told in thrilling terms the story of his remarkable recovery from a terrible illness after his life had been practically despaired of. When he declared that he was not going to die after having heard the Voice of God saying that not one hair on his head would come to harm the doctor said he was delirious; gave him an injection and he slept for forty-eight hours. Recovery after that was rapid. Doctors had said that the black people had remarkable will power which enabled them to pass through such a terrible illness. It was nothing of the kind. He had prayed and trusted to God, who had worked for him to do.

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A PHILANTHROPIST.

WOMAN MILLIONAIRE GIVES £200,000 FOR SCHOLARSHIPS.

GIFTS AND BEQUESTS.

Mrs. Emma Grace Caird, or Marryat, Dundee and Finner, Loch Long, Dumbarton, interested in Caird (Dundee) Ltd., jute manufacturers, etc., a generous benefactor to the city, of which she was accorded the freedom, who died in December last, aged 78 years, widow of Lieut.-Colonel Marryat and sister of the late Sir James Caird, left personal estate in Great Britain now valued for probate at £1,197,505, of which her holdings in War Loans, etc., amounted to £606,002 and in Caird (Dundee) Ltd. to £202,440. She gave:

£200,000 for the foundation of travelling scholarships in engineering, electricity, aeronautics, and music, to be known as "Sir James Caird Travelling Scholarships," eligible to natives of Scotland only. £100,000 to the Town Council of Dundee, upon trust for investment and to apply the income in the acquisition of land in or around Dundee, for the benefit of the community, this fund being known as "The Sir James Caird Land Acquisition Fund." £20,000 to the Caird Jubilee Nursing Home, Dundee; £5,000 to the Royal Dundee Institution for the Blind; £1,000 each to the United Free Church, Garrothead, the Helensburgh Infirmary, the Society for Indigent Gentlewomen in Scotland.

And subject to other gifts the residue of her property:

As to one half to the Dundee Royal Infirmary, for a "Sir James Caird Bequest" upon trust for investment and to apply the income for the benefit of that institution and of the Sidlaw Sanatorium.

As to one half for such institutions and schemes for the benefit of Scottish soldiers and sailors disabled in the war as her trustees may decide directing that her name and that of her late husband should be associated with this bequest.

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NIGERIA TRADE.

PRODUCTION OF PALM OIL, ETC.

PRIMITIVE METHODS.

Two problems, those of economic development and public health, figure prominently in the report presented to the Empire Parliamentary Association by the delegation which recently visited Nigeria. The delegation comprised Major Walter Elliot, M.P., Mr. William Lunn, M.P., and Mr. G. M. Garro-Jones, M.P.

The main economic problem is the oil palm industry. The products of the palm, oil and kernels, were valued at over £8,000,000 in 1926, and made up nearly half of Nigeria's exports for the year. There is, in addition, a rapidly growing local consumption of the oil as a food.

Almost the whole of this produce was collected by the natives from their forest or semi-cultivated palms, and treated by them for the oil and kernels. But Nigeria, and even the West Coast, has no longer an unchallenged monopoly in this production. The menace of outside competition began to show itself in 1925, when Sumatra exported 9,000 tons of oil and kernels, and development there is proceeding so rapidly that about 100,000 short tons will be produced there in 1936.

An important factor is that while the Nigerian product is extracted by simple native methods, in Sumatra the oil is extracted by modern machinery, yielding a far higher proportion of good oil than is obtained in Nigeria. At Victoria, in the mandated area, German owners of the Cameroon plantations have established a system of oil-extraction by a process involving the use of benzene as a solvent. It may well be that this process is the most significant development in the palm oil situation to-day.

There is, the report points out, every reason for attention both in Nigeria and elsewhere being devoted to these developments. They concern the prosperity of the whole palm belt and to that extent the power of absorption of British goods which the West Coast market has recently developed. The attention of the Empire Marketing Board might be directed to this question, and it is also a matter of vital interest to the commercial firms, who ought to lend every assistance.

Live Stock Trade.

Concerning live stock the report states: Nigeria is one of the big live-stock areas of the Empire, containing over 3,000,000 head of cattle, over 4,000,000 goats, and 1,700,000 sheep. The export of hides and skins in 1926, a by-product only, came to over £600,000; considerably more than the value of the exports of mahogany and rubber put together. With all this, meat is a relatively rare article in the diet of the native, and there is actually a small annual import of milk and butter. The stock industry is undoubtedly capable of great expansion.

There are many problems which confront the medical services and the Government, the report continues, and it is obviously impossible to contemplate staffing a service for 20,000,000 African inhabitants with Europeans. The scale of the task may be judged

FROM THE STARS.

STRENGTH TO REPLACE WORLD'S WASTAGE.

U.S. SCIENTIST'S THEORY.

New York.—The world is not fading away, doomed eventually to die through lack of heat and energy. Instead elements are born unceasingly in stars and nebulae.

This startling new theory of the universe was advanced by Dr. Robert Millikan, of California Institute of Technology, speaking before his associates at Pasadena.

He asked that they await further experiments before accepting his theory as fully proved, but said that his recent experiments with mysterious cosmic rays left no doubt in his mind that the process of creation was now going on in the heavens and that our earth was not, as had been long believed, a disintegrating planet.

His investigations of cosmic rays have been conducted in high mountain lakes of California and Bolivia. The rays have been studied with the aid of self-recording electroscopes sent by balloons nearly up to the full extent of the earth's atmosphere. Dr. Millikan termed his measurements "announcements of the birth of elements" which were being formed continually from electrons.

A Creative Process.

Explaining his theory in greater detail, he said it had long been known that all elements have a structure which shows that they are exact multiples of hydrogen. Scientists learned 30 years ago that under the process of radio activity heavier atoms were disintegrating into lighter ones. It should therefore be expected that somewhere in the universe a building-up process was going on to replace the destructive force of radio activity. He believed that his present discoveries were the first evidence of such creative process—that everywhere around us, either in the stars, in nebulae, or in the depths of space, creation was proceeding.

from the fact that one epidemic alone, that of relapsing fever, is estimated to have killed in Kanor Province alone between October, 1924, and March, 1925, 123,000 persons out of a population of two and a half millions.

Turning to "political" or compulsory labour for public works, the delegation points out that the rate of wages is 9d. an hour, and the period of service a month. The difficulty sometimes experienced in securing voluntary labour is not so much due to the native's dislike of the kind of work to be done, as to his natural inability to see the necessity for it when he can live well enough on his yams and cassava or corn, and his petty trading, without taking other employment.

It is his growing wants, which induce him to undertake labour, either for a few weeks or for longer periods in the year. He frequently has as his object the accumulation of a little capital in order to launch out on some enterprise of his own. In a growing number of cases these enterprises are succeeding, and some of the African traders in the large towns are men of considerable wealth.

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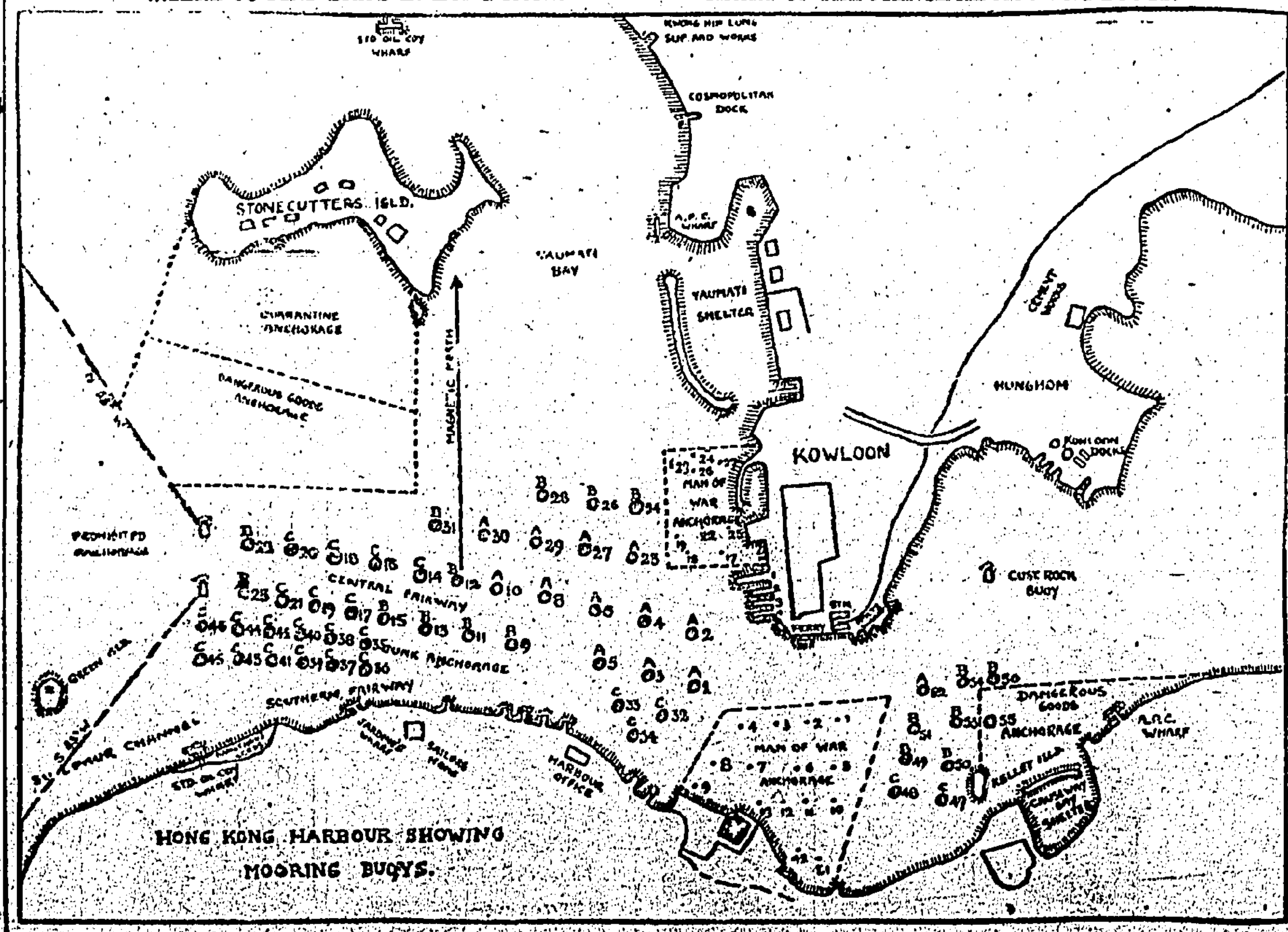
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"THE CHATTEL."

NARES ON THE DOMINANCE OF WOMAN.

POPULAR ACTOR'S VIEWS.

There has been a great movement afoot during recent years to prove that women are human beings. It is true that a large number of men and a fair number of women have never denied it. But anyhow the statement is now on the Statutes, and may be regarded as comparatively true (writes Owen Nares, the well-known London actor).

It has further been discovered that the mind of man is very like the mind of a woman; and that too, both Adam and Eve and Robert and Elizabeth Browning would have granted. But go a step beyond that, and claim that mentally and emotionally women and men are identical, and there the trouble begins.

When you meet a woman in a drawing room, and talk to her about Shakespeare and the musical glasses and her golfing handicap, it is possible that the reactions may be precisely those between two men talking on the same topics.

They may be. Anyhow, let's take it for granted! But, be that as it may, it is certain that as the relation becomes more personal and electric, a tremendous difference is revealed. And if the two are married, then for either to treat the other, in the course of their ordinary daily routine of meals and talk as if both were of the same sex may lead to quite fatal consequences.

Take the case of sickness! When women are sick they like to be made a great fuss of. So they do when they're nervy and upset. And so do children. But in such desperate circumstances, men crave solitude; they want to be left completely and severely alone. And the bother of it is that each sex judges the other by its own feelings.

A woman will always be inclined to pet a man with the toothache. A man's instinctive feeling, when his wife is ill, is to lie low and say "nuffin." In the first case the man gets irritated; in the second case the woman is convinced that he no longer loves her.

Much the same is true of health. When two men share digs they keep each other at a distance. When they are in together they indulge in long silences over a pipe and a book. When one goes out the other never asks whither. But I am told that two women in such circumstances depend far more on each other's society.

Think, then, what may happen when a couple marry, and the one party demands close companionship and the other solitude with a companion within call! What is needed, of course, is mutual understanding and tolerance; and in the case of a happy marriage that is what you get.

But in order that a man may be able to put up with that strange creature (a woman) about the house, and a woman to put up with a man, it is necessary for each of them to have frequent opportunities of seeking society quite free from members of the opposite sex. That does them good; but the opportunities are dwindling.

Men and women are together in offices, they are together in clubs—yes, the innermost ramparts are down, women have passed the most exclusive portals, with the last of the majors glaring indignantly in the silence-room.

Now, I am of opinion that though women are all the better for getting away from men occasionally, they rather like the new state of things. I am sure anyhow that man is suffering more from it. I am sure that women brought it about. In fact we are to-day suffering from the dominance of woman.

Man is the chattel, and, as in a play now on "somebody in England," the man tears at his chains. In extreme cases he may decide to lose his memory and seek fresh woods and pastures new. But he will carry his chains with him! Unless he enters a monastery! I gather that there he is safe.

Probably the present state of things is merely what politicians call the swing of the pendulum. In a remote antiquity, which no modern man can believe ever to have existed, woman was the chattel of man. She is now having her revenge by joining our clubs. But the pendulum will swing again—and the club.

And... well, do you know, I have the idea that even as it is most marriages are tolerably happy.

WOMAN PAINTER.

MRS. LAURA KNIGHT'S REMARKABLE REALISM.

LONDON EXHIBITION.

The practice of electing women as members of learned, artistic, or otherwise distinguished bodies is still so recent an innovation that each occasion on which a woman is so honoured carries with it a mild sensation. No doubt, therefore, the fact that Mrs. Laura Knight is a woman added something to the general interest in her election last year as an Associate of the Royal Academy, writes R. R. Tatlock in the "Daily Telegraph."

The exhibition of her pictures, at the Leicester Galleries, is, however, a substantial proof that her reputation does not depend, even if it be a little enhanced, either on her being a woman or an A.R.A. She is certainly one of the cleverest painters, male or female, in England. By clever, I mean clever with her brush, in the sense of being fluent. That is her supreme merit. This might seem at a first glance the same thing as saying that she is one of the greatest of living English painters. And yet I cannot bring myself to go as far as that.

Having come to that conclusion it is necessary to explain and defend it. First of all, Mrs. Knight is nothing if not a realist, and has the realist's limitations. Her observations are always literal, and before her pictures we have no feeling that to the mind that conceived them anything more than the outward aspect of the visible world was comprehended. We marvel at the wonderful co-ordination of hand and eye, but we miss the hints of philosophy, of humour, and of poetry that account for so much of our enjoyment of great pictures.

It is not that she is dull, but rather that, as a painter, she lacks subtlety. This limitation is most often demonstrable through colour, and in the case of these pictures that, I think, holds good. If we turn for a moment to the picture of a negress and her baby, entitled "The Madonna of the Cotton-fields" (49), and look at the pigment and think of colour, we are at once aware of a certain insensitiveness.

The colours themselves somehow lack quality, and, taken together, they clash. It is impossible not to notice how grossly the blue of the ribbon is in disagreement with the brown of the skin or how it competes with the blue high-lights of the flesh.

Photographic Effects.

Apart from colour altogether, the scenes are observed and depicted without much selection. It is as if Mrs. Knight were indifferent to the appeal of beauty in nature, so that she is rather like someone going about with a camera and "snapping" anything that happened to come his way. Something quite incongruous may appear, and down it goes, just as if it were as relevant as a horse to a cart, or steam to an engine. When I have added that her compositions also often lack fitness I have added all I can by way of a criticism that may seem like ingratitude.

The pictures in the exhibition seem to divide themselves inevitably into two classes—the deliberate and the casual. Easily the most notable example of the former class is the picture of the head and shoulders of a nude female model, entitled "Blue and Gold" (36). Here the artist has taken immense trouble to achieve unity, and she has succeeded brilliantly. The painting of the flesh is masterly, the drawing of the features better than we have any right to expect. Very few masters even of the English eighteenth century have this special gift so fully developed.

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PRIME MINISTER AND DEMOCRACY.

BEARING THE TORCH.

A rousing appeal to the youth of England to prepare itself to receive in due time from the older politicians the torch that lighted the path of national progress was made recently by the Prime Minister.

Mr. Baldwin was addressing a great demonstration in the Albert Hall, organised by the Junior Imperial League. The hall was crowded to its capacity and, despite the bitterly cold weather, a large gathering assembled also in Hyde Park to hear the speech through the medium of loud speakers.

The vast audience within the Albert Hall gave the Prime Minister an enthusiastic reception.

"You are starting your political life in a wonderful age," the Prime Minister told his audience of young people. The world ever since the war had been trying to start a new life.

At the next election we have our first election under complete manhood suffrage, and the lesser term includes the greater. (Laughter.) Mr. Baldwin laid stress on the fact that democracy had its difficulties, and that the perfect democracy was one in which everybody played his part. There could be no greater danger to democracy than when people were careless of the representatives they chose.

We were greatly helped in our progress by the fact that we had the Crown as the supreme head, to which all parties could look as the symbol of the unity of the nation.

The following points are taken from the speech:

We must make democracy safe for the world.

Do not talk about rights; talk about duty. If everyone did his duty there would be no question of rights.

You do not go into politics for what you can get, but for what you can give and do.

The truest patriotism is that which is grounded in the love of home.

Patience is necessary; evolution in the political as in the natural world is slow; cataclysms can only lead our people to starvation.

It is essential for world peace and world progress that this country stand like a rock in the waves, however rough they may be.

Mr. Baldwin concluded his speech with a tribute to youth. "There never was a time," he said, "when there were more people in this country of ours, and especially among the young, who are determined to make whatever sacrifice is necessary for the advancement of the well-being of their country."

A feature of the demonstration was a speech by a school-girl member of the League.

VISA RED TAPE.

PASSPOLE CONVENTION DISREGARDED.

Paris, March 25. New and vexatious regulations affecting foreigners in France have been brought into force by a decree published in the "Journal Officiel."

Any foreigner changing his address or moving from one locality to another must before his departure go to the nearest police station and obtain a visa. A visa must also be obtained by a foreigner before he leaves this country. Fines will be imposed for non-compliance with the new regulations.

Identity cards which must be obtained by every foreigner who remains two months on French soil, must, says the decree, be presented to the administrative authorities whenever asked for, and if such a request is refused punishment will follow.

The new decree is utterly opposed to the Franco-British convention, which mutually abolished visas.

A British subject resident in France—or a visitor if he remains here for two months—must, according to the decree, obtain a French police permit before he can go to England.

In a drawing competition, between Romney and Mrs. Knight, the old master would find himself humiliated every time. Two other pictures in the exhibition surpass "Gold and Blue" as designs, which is what matters most. They are "A Study" (85) and "The Bedroom" (62).

The former of these, as its title implies, belongs to what I have called the casual group. They are the most satisfactory pictures in the exhibition, perhaps because through them the artist makes no attempt actually to display her technical skill. We are not compelled to wonder at them, and so seem to be freer to enjoy them for their own sakes.

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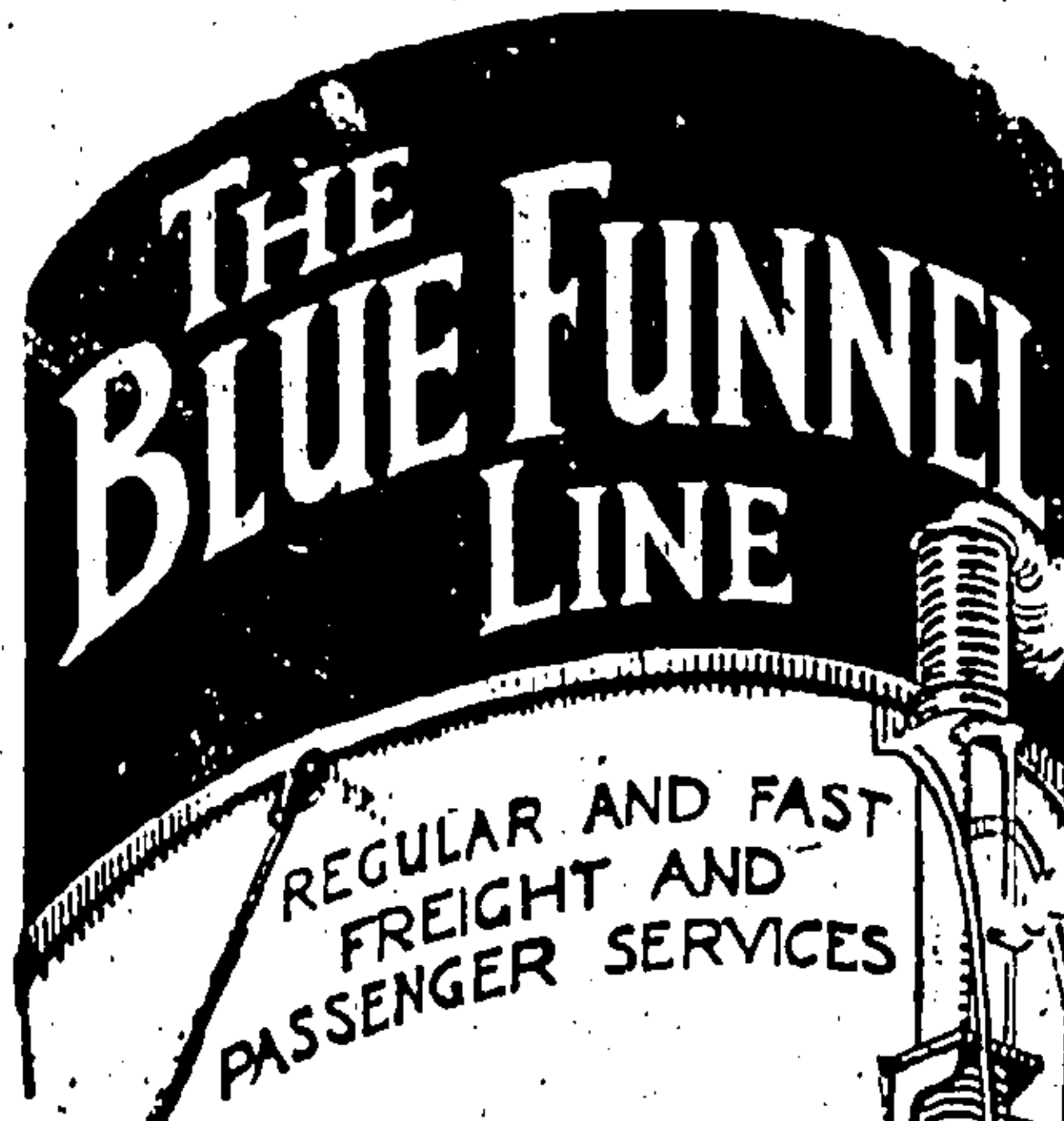
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COTTON CRISIS.

Threat To Reduce Wages.

12½ PER CENT. CUT.

Critical Issue Between Employers And Employees.

London, May 3. The Trade Unions of the Dyeing Industry have issued an ultimatum to employers, declaring that, failing a satisfactory settlement of the wage dispute by the second pay day in June, they will instruct their members to cease work.—Reuter.

Trade Unions Ultimatum. London, Yesterday. A proposal to reduce the wage of cotton workers by 12½ per cent. is contained in the resolution passed by the General Committee of the Federation of Master Cotton Spinners' Associations of Manchester.

The resolution is an important development in the cotton crisis. A copy of the resolution has been sent to members of the Federation with two ballot papers, one for the American section and one for the Egyptian.

Members are asked to vote whether they are willing to leave the question of a reduction in wages to be dealt with by the Federation committee and close the mills if it is necessary to enforce the demand.

HOME WEATHER.

TROPICAL DOWNPOUR OVER THE SOUTH.

FOLLOWS SULTRY HEAT.

London, May 3. After a day of sultry heat, there was a vivid flash of lightning, heavy rolls of thunder, and a storm of tropical rain burst over London and the South of England late last night.

As the theatre-goers had been enticed by the second warmest day of the year to shed their overcoats and umbrellas, many of them were soaked to the skin on their way home.

The storm began in south-east London, travelled through the City and thence to the northern and western suburbs, returning later to the City.

The deluge caused huge rivulets which impeded traffic for some minutes, while several houses were struck by lightning.

In the meantime snow was falling in Scotland.

Dense fog caused a mishap in the Channel though details are not available.—Reuter.

JAPANESE DIET.

PASSES CENSURE VOTE ON CABINET MINISTER.

GOVERNMENT NEXT.

Tokyo, To-day. The Diet, which re-assembled after its three-day prorogation, passed a vote of censure against the Home Minister by a narrow majority of five votes—233 to 228. It is expected the vote of non-confidence against the Government will be introduced to-morrow.—Reuter.

TOKYO DISASTER.

SEVEN PASSENGERS AND ONE PILOT KILLED.

ON TRIAL FLIGHT.

Tokyo, Yesterday. Japan's largest passenger plane, built for the Department of Communications, crashed on its trial flight, killing the pilot and seven passengers, who were mostly mechanics.—Reuter.

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Paris, Yesterday. "Le Journal" says that Captain Pelletier D'Oisy (who has previously flown to the Far East) contemplates a commercial flight from Paris to Tokyo at the rate of 1,000 kilometres a day.—Hayas.

DUTCH DISASTER.

Peat Fire Still Uncontrolled.

RAGING FURNACE.

Atmospheric Conditions Resemble Eclipse Of Sun.

Amsterdam, Yesterday.

With reference to the Extensive fires in the province of Drenthe, it is feared that only a cessation of wind with heavy rain can end the conflagration which is spreading owing to the inadequacy of the extinguishing facilities in the sparsely populated moorland region. The district round Emmen, on the German frontier is now a raging furnace.

Many of the houses are burning and the area for several miles has been evacuated. The atmospheric conditions resemble an eclipse of the sun, the dense suffocating smoke clouds being visible for miles.—Reuter.

WAR OUTLAWRY.

CONFERENCE OF JURISTS MAY BE HELD.

REPLY NEARLY READY.

London, May 3. It is understood that the British Reply to the Kellogg Note relating to the Outlawry of War Treaty is nearly ready, and will welcome the proposal.

The "Daily Telegraph's" diplomatic correspondent says that Britain will propose to the United States, Germany, Italy and Japan that a conference of jurists representing the above Powers and France should be held at an early date to study the legal aspects of the drafts of M. Briand and Mr. Kellogg for the outlawing of war.

With reference to the report that the British Government has proposed a conference of jurists to study the American Peace Pact proposals, Reuter understands that in the course of conversations through the usual diplomatic channels, an opportunity will be taken to ascertain the views of other interested Powers.

Different methods of procedure have been mooted, including a conference of jurists, but the Government for many reasons, including the necessity of consulting the Dominions, has not reached any definite conclusion with regard to what method is most likely to contribute to a successful result.—Reuter.

U.S. FARM RELIEF.

LOAN FUND OF \$400,000,000 WANTED.

LIKE STEVENSON PLAN.

Washington, Yesterday. The House of Representatives, by 204 votes to 121, has passed the McNary Haugen Farm Relief Bill. The Republicans did not succeed in securing the omission of the equalisation fee. President Coolidge last year vetoed similar legislation as unconstitutional.

The bill seeks to establish a loan fund of \$400,000,000 for farmers and an equalisation fee to assist the profitable marketing of surplus agricultural commodities.

The Bill is criticised on the ground that it closely follows the principles of the Stevenson rubber scheme inasmuch as it provides for Government control and supervision of farm prices.—Reuter's American Service.

M. SARRAUT.

RETURNING TO INDO-CHINA RUMOUR DENIED.

REMAINING IN FRANCE.

Paris, Yesterday. M. Sarraut has denied that he will return to Indo-China, and says that he will remain a Minister.

M. Sarraut, interviewed by the "Petit Parisien," emphatically denied that he intended to return to Indo-China. He said that as long as he enjoyed the confidence of M. Poincaré, he would remain entirely at his service.—Reuter.

TO-DAY'S DOLLAR.

The clearing rate of the dollar on demand, to-day was 2/0 7/16.

FILMS DISPUTE.

French Decree Causes Friction.

U.S.A. ALARMED.

Agreement Reached As To Quota And "Ruinous" Conditions.

Paris, Yesterday.

The decree of February 18, laying down the quota that one French film must be sold to the United States for every four American films produced in France has given rise to considerable acerbity in Franco-American film circles and has brought Mr. Will Hays, the American film magnate from America to negotiate a modification of the "ruinous" conditions in consequence of which the American cinema establishments in France have threatened to close down, thus causing to be idle 8,000 French employees.

An agreement has now been reached, not modifying the quota but ameliorating the method of its application by substituting import licences for block booking, thereby enabling French producers to negotiate directly with American firms.—Reuter.

POLAR FLIGHT.

ANTARCTIC EXPEDITION PROGRESSING.

"ITALIA" IN NORTH NORWAY.

Vadsø, Yesterday. The airship "Italia," in which General Nobile intends to make an attempt to reach the North Pole, has landed here.—Reuter.

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BANK NOTES.

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Chartered Bank of India, Australia and China	\$15,392,948	\$5,900,000*
Hong Kong and Shanghai Banking Corporation	46,995,228	34,000,000†
Bank of India Ltd.	1,793,977	660,000‡
Total	64,182,153	40,560,000

* In addition Sterling Securities deposited with the Crown Agents valued at \$1,271,000.
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